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### **Question 1**

The current administration policies and actions have resulted in increased changes in the reputation of the United States companies. While the implementation of tariffs is aimed to protect the local industries and companies in the United States to deal with the increased competition from imported goods. Similarly, there have been increased economic pressures that come from trade issues such as the hefty and obstinate balance of trade deficits between the United States and China, the stiff situations experienced by the majority of the companies and deliberate development of several foreign countries. However, according to Barattieri et al. (2018), the policies and actions imposed will result in a reduction in economic welfare. While China has expanded its market share in the United States, the policies will be of great significance in improving the local companies' market.

Puerto Rican companies have also been affected significantly as they are unable to obtain the tax benefits that have always assisted in the economic compensation of Puerto Rico. Although Puerto Ricans are United States citizens, they are controlled by the United States constitution, policies and laws (Madrid, 2018). Therefore, the policies and actions have cut down the future investment of major companies in Puerto Rico such as those in the manufacturing sector. Moreover, Puerto Rico does not have the independence of dealing with the high debt and thus affecting their economy as they rely on the United States and foreign corporations.

### **Question 2**

The policy that has affected most of the United States multinationals in the world is the implementation of protectionism. According to Barattieri et al. (2018), protectionism is the utilization of restrictions such as tariffs to enhance the nation's companies and industries to

protect it from foreign competition. Tariffs are a tax imposed on imported products from other countries, therefore, this tax is aimed at limiting the imported goods and services hence increasing the revenues from tax. Although the process is important in enhancing the success of the and market for the local industries, multinational companies are affected the most as the protectionism restrictions will reduce the global trade as well as decrease the United States exports.

According to Barattieri et al. (2018), restricting imports through tariffs will assist the country's economy, however, there could be severe damages. For instance, the restrictions would lead to trade wars which could easily lead to a worldwide recession. Considering that multinational companies operate in different countries and have a centralized office, most of their raw materials are outsourced and can be distributed in their different factories. However, since the policies of protectionism are imposed, they will affect multinationals as they will be charged more than twice when they import their materials to be processed and when they export again to their market.

### **Question 3**

The reputation of multinationals and American products has been affected adversely by the policies of the republican government in power because restrictions on imports will result in limited products on consumers' choice. BBC News (2019), argued that the reputation of products is affected because protectionism results in placing a limit on the number of products being imported hence leading to a limited choice of products in selecting the quantity, quality and type of products. Moreover, as they work on enhancing their industries, it will mean that they will be forcing people to make poor quality products that are not competitive in the market as compared to foreign products.

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