

CopyrightX

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Instructions for the Final Examination

This is an “open-book” examination. When preparing your answer, you may read, watch, or rely on any material you wish. Once the exam has begun, however, you may not consult in any way with any other person concerning any aspect of the test.

The exam will be distributed at 1800 UTC on May 1, 2014. All answers must be submitted by 1800 UTC on May 5, 2014. No answers will be accepted after that time.

The procedure for distributing the exam and for collecting answers is as follows:

- At 1800 UTC on May 1, the exam will be posted on <http://copyx.org/logistics/evaluation-examination/>.
- Between 1800 and 1805 UTC on May 1, each student in the CopyrightX online sections will receive an email containing a link to the exam. That email will also contain a link to a unique instance of an online text editor (a “pad”) that the student will use to submit her responses. Each link is unique to its recipient; thus, students must not share the links they receive.
- The pads that students must use to submit their answers are similar to the “Google Docs” software. Students will be able to enter, edit, and format text within their pads. The pads automatically save their contents frequently (every few seconds).
- By default, new text that you enter will appear highlighted. You can turn off the highlighting feature by clicking this button at the top of the pad: .
- Students must enter their responses into their pads before 1800 UTC on May 5. (Please note that there is no “submit” button and that you will not receive an automated confirmation of the submission of your exam. Rest assured that any text that you enter into your pad will be automatically saved and delivered to the course team. However, you should not close the browser window in which your pad is open immediately after entering your text.)
- At 1800 UTC on May 5, the pads will stop saving changes to their contents. (A pad open in a webpage at that time will display an error message that says, “trying to re-connect.” After approximately thirty seconds, the pad will display a notice that says that the pad has been disconnected. Refreshing the page will result in the display of a message that says that the pad is no longer accessible because the exam window has closed. Anyone who clicks on the link to a pad after 1800 UTC on May 5 will be taken to a page with the same message.)

We strongly suggest that you write and save your responses offline, especially if you have an unstable Internet connection. Even though your pad will auto-save every few seconds, please take extra precautions to save your work as you progress. Writing and saving your responses offline will also enable you to keep track of the number of words contained in your responses – and thus enable you to abide by the word limit for each question.

During the examination, all of the course materials (including the assigned readings, recorded lectures, maps of copyright law and theory, and discussion forums) will remain available at <http://copyx.org>. However, between 1800 UTC on May 1 and 1800 UTC on May 5, you will not be permitted to post to the discussion forums or to discuss the exam anywhere else. Between 1800 UTC on May 5 and 1300 UTC on May 19, you are permitted (indeed encouraged) to discuss the exam with your fellow students. However, during this period you must confine that discussion to your “garden” and may not discuss the exam in the “forest.” The reason is that some of the participants in the CopyrightX satellites, who have access to the “forest,” will be taking their exams between May 5 and May 19. After 1300 UTC on May 19, you will be able to use the forest as well as the gardens to discuss the exam with the other course participants.

Neither the course team nor your teaching fellow will respond to questions concerning the exam unless those questions involve emergencies. If an emergency does arise, please email copyrightx@cyber.law.harvard.edu, providing details. Someone will respond as soon as possible.

If you find any aspect of the exam’s content or instructions to be ambiguous, do not request a clarification. Instead, develop your own interpretation that resolves the ambiguity and make that interpretation explicit in your response.

The exam contains three questions. You must answer all three. Your answer to the first question may not exceed 2500 words. Your answer to the second question may not exceed 1200 words. Your answer to the third question may not exceed 1200 words.

Your answers will be weighted as follows:

- Question #1: 40%
- Question #2: 30%
- Question #3: 30%.