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HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW
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**FINAL EXAMINATION: CRIMINAL LAW
(COURSE # 11521)**

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**SCHEDULED EXAM DATE & TIME:
THURSDAY, April 26, 2018 at 1:30 pm**

**LENGTH of EXAM: 3 HOURS
(180 MINUTES)**

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This is a closed book exam.

No notes or secondary materials are permitted in the exam room with you.

**This Exam consists of Two PARTS:
Part I is 20 multiple-choice questions.**

Part II is a single essay question, with a 2,500 word limit.

Internet research is **NEVER** allowed during an in-class exam per Hastings exam regulations.

If you hand-write any responses, please write on **one side only** of each page, and **double-line-space** your responses (meaning, skip lines).

If you are exam software on a computer, your exam will be formatted automatically to double-line-space, and count words as you type.

Make sure your exam number appears on the exam and all your answer sheets.

After the exam grades are posted, the exam questions and the student's materials will be returned to the student.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This is a closed book exam. No notes or other law materials are allowed in the exam room during the test. But you may use pens, pencils, and scratch paper that is provided.
2. The last page of this exam packet is an optional “feedback” form. You do not have to fill it out unless you want to. You can also tear it off and get it back to me later if you want to. Use the form to express any concerns you may have regarding the exam questions (or any other topic). I will consider all comments as I develop my grading rubrics for this exam. But it is fine if you leave the form blank. Nothing you say, or don’t say, will count against you in any way. I also welcome feedback about the exam, in any format, after it is over. But please, keep feedback anonymous until grades are posted.
3. The exam consists of two Parts, to be completed within 3 hours. I believe this is more time than you should need (last year’s class had the exact same format and only 2.5 hours). You are free to allocate the time between the Parts as you see fit; but your essay response is worth more than the multiple choice questions. The allocated time includes a few minutes to, initially, read over the entire exam at the beginning, and a few more minutes to fill out the “feedback form” at the end. Part One consists of 20 multiple-choice questions. Part Two is a single essay question. My plan right now is to allocate roughly 40% of your final score to the multiple-choice section, and 60% to the essay answer. (There is also the possibility of a half-grade “bump” for a few students for consistently useful class participation). The exact scoring will be adjusted as I grade the exams and determine how I think this year’s questions stack up.
4. For the Multiple-Choice questions: Read each question carefully and don’t look for “tricks” or over-think the questions. Mark an answer (and only one answer) for all the questions -- there is no penalty for “wrong” answers. The Multistate Bar Exam will give you an average of 90 seconds per multiple-choice question. My estimate of 60 minutes for 20 multiple-choice questions should give you more than enough time.

You may think that more than one response to a question is correct, or that no answer is correct. Even so, choose what you think is the best, most correct, answer among the choices provided. Once you have chosen your answer, darken the corresponding small rectangle on the SCANTRON sheet you will be provided. Make sure you mark the SCANTRON sheet, because credit is given only for answers indicated on that sheet (not for answers marked on the exam itself). Hastings should provide pencils for you to use.

If a question or its responses seem badly ambiguous or wrong, feel free to indicate the number of the question(s) that concerns you on the Feedback Form at the end of this exam packet. You do NOT have to give an explanation (although you may if you want to). Recall that, as I explained in class, I am likely to “throw out” one or more questions, or credit more than one answer, once I review them in light of the class responses.
5. For the essay: There is a 2,500 word limit (roughly 10 pages) if you are typing your answer. For the few of you who may hand-write, please write on every other line (not every line), and on

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only one side of each page. If you follow these instructions, the handwriting limit is 23 blue-book pages (roughly 110 words per page). This allows me space to write comments; and it allows you space to write in changes later in the exam if you think of any.

I predict that you can finish the entire exam in less than the 3 hours allowed. But I also predict that some of you will feel time-pressured or that the word limit is too short. Take time to organize your answer, and to make your writing clear and succinct. Take time to think and organize before you begin to write. Don't BS or discuss issues not sensibly presented by the facts given. And when you feel you are done, stop, don't search for more things to say. Explain the steps in your analysis, do not just assert conclusions. Finally, cite relevant legal authorities that you can recall to support your legal assertions and analysis.

6. Questions about the exam will not be answered while it is in progress. Please address any flaws that you perceive in your answer or on the Feedback Form at the end of this exam packet.
7. Good luck. Your class really impressed me this semester, with your level of preparation and thoughtfulness about the materials. I hope you will continue to listen to each other and be open respectfully to diverse views. And that you will struggle with, and improve, the many flaws in our criminal justice system today. You are undoubtedly the best Section I have ever taught (smile)!

For the next two years, and beyond, BE CONFIDENT! You are the same smart, committed, and hard-working people you were before you came to law school. Don't let anything that happens here change that. I feel certain that each of you will go on to be fantastic, happy, and ethical lawyers. I hope you will stay in touch with me over the next two years and beyond, particularly for career planning and job hunting. My interactions with students are why I love this job. Meanwhile, have a safe and relaxing summer. I am available for email, office visits, coffee, lunch, drinks, and baseball, all summer long. Have fun!

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