



Notes on the Upcoming Exam

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My general exam philosophy

- I care a great deal about exam fairness.
 - I design my exams - both in terms of procedure and substance - with fairness as my paramount goal.
- I work to make my exams **comprehensive**, which means testing subject matter across the entire course.
- And I work to make my exams **proportional**, so that the emphasis and coverage of subject matter on the exam corresponds the emphasis and coverage of subject matter over the semester.
 - So this means in studying you should worry primarily about big picture things, and you shouldn't obsess over little random details.
- I post old exam questions, as well as general tips and advice, to my Exam Archive at http://ericejohnson.com/exam_archive. (That's where you can find various old exam materials that are referenced in this slide show.)

General exam advice

- As you probably know by now, taking law school exams is different from taking exams in college.
- I have posted “tip sheets” providing general advice on how to tackle law exams. They are of greatest use to new 1Ls, but you may still find some useful tips and techniques in them.
- I recommend at least looking over these two tip sheets:
 - How to Write a Law School Exam
 - Three Examples of Exam Writing
- (There’s also a tip sheet called “How to Take a Multiple-Choice Exam in Law School,” but you won’t have multiple choice questions.)

Your exam, the basics

- It will be done through Canvas.
- It will be done at the scheduled time and date.
- It will be generally open notes/books, but with important limitations.
- Collaboration and getting help from others is prohibited.
- I am preparing a document called the Exam Prospectus which will provide a very high level of detail about the format of the exam and how I recommend preparing. I will post that to the class website within the next few days.
 - The point of the Exam Prospectus is to try to disclose as much as possible about the exam in advance— which is part of my general emphasis on fairness.

About open notes/books ...

Your exam will be open notes/books as follows:

- You may access any printed source for which you have your own copy.
- You may access any of your own electronic documents for which you have a locally stored copy.
- You may not share any sources or documents with anyone during the exam.
- You may not use the internet during the exam except the exam page on Canvas and ericejohnson.com.
 - Site availability/uptime for ericejohnson.com during the exam administration is not guaranteed. While I'm not anticipating a problem, it makes sense for you to download copies of anything from the website you want to be sure to be able to access.
- More specific detail will be in the Exam Prospectus.

The structure of your exam

There will be two parts of the exam.

- Part I will be short answer and will be worth 1/3 of the exam grade.
- Part II will be essay questions for an issue-spotter and will be worth 2/3 of the exam grade.

Part I

- Part I will be worth 1/3 of the exam grade.
- It should take 1/3 of the time (one hour of three hours).
- This will be the portion of the exam that tests pure economics knowledge from the “Economics for Antitrust” section of the course.
- It will also test some legal/doctrinal subject matter that I couldn’t fit into Part II.
- Part I will consist of a variety of shorter-answer questions. Some may be very short—such as limiting a response to 10 words or less. Others will be longer.
- To have an idea of the sorts of questions I might ask, I suggest looking at:
 - Questions 1-3 and 7-24 of the Summative Project Question Booklet from Antitrust 2020 (notes and model answers to be posted). Note that the “summative project” was used in lieu of a final exam last year because of pandemic contingencies.
 - The Amalgamated Antitrust Multiple Choice Questions (and answers). Although your Part I will not be in the multiple choice format, the substance of the released questions should be useful.

Part II

- Part II will be worth 2/3 of the exam grade.
- It should take 2/3 of the time (two hours of three hours).
- Part II will be a traditional issue spotter with essay questions.
- To have an idea of what kind of things to expect, look at:
 - “RAINBOW LASER UNICORNS,” the 2019 final exam.
 - “THE LAST MILE IN THE PLUM ISLES,” the 2019 practice final, which is posted along with notes on answering.
- I also recommend engaging with Questions 4-6 of the Summative Project Question Booklet from Antitrust 2020 (notes and model answers to be posted). Note that Question 6 probes a portion of “RAINBOW LASER UNICORNS.” So you might want to try that exam as practice before getting into Question 6 in the Summative Project Question Booklet.