

Exam 2P

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General Instructions: Print your name in the upper right-hand corner of this paper. Read each item carefully. Be sure that you understand exactly what is being asked of you. Begin your answers on the backside of this paper if possible and add extra sheets of paper as needed. Be sure to write your name on any and all extra sheets of paper.

Do not look at other student's exams. If you have a question or a request during the exam, raise your hand and the instructor will call on you. Do not leave your desk without permission. When you finish please bring your completed exam to the instructor.

This is a closed book exam. Attempt to answer all questions, even if you are uncertain. Whenever possible, provide answers in bullet list format with complete content. Tasks will be evaluated by sub-tasks. Three (3) points are available for each sub-task: Accuracy (1 pt), Completeness (1 pt), and Sufficiency (1 pt). Points will be awarded in 0.1 increments. Answer in English unless requested to do so otherwise.

Task 1 (9 pts)

The legal systems in México and in the US are fundamentally different. Discuss these differences by answering the following questions.

1. Define the term, "legal system".
2. Briefly compare and contrast civil law and common law with respect to México and the US. What are the historical roots of each legal system? What are the areas which differ most when comparing the two legal systems?
3. Explain the similarities and differences between *tesis aislada* and *jurisprudencia* as they are used in Mexico's judiciary.

Task 2 (6 pts)

The *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (DOF) is the official gazette of Mexico and publishes all new federal legislation. It also contains important announcements, notices, decrees, resolutions, tenders, proposed rules and regulations, and draft and final standards issued by the Mexican government and its agencies. The DOF is governed by federal law. The third article of this law stipulates what may be published in the DOF. Translate the following excerpt from the third article into English.

ARTICULO 3o.- Serán materia de publicación en el Diario Oficial de la Federación:

I.- Las leyes y decretos expedidos por el Congreso de la Unión, así como cualquier otro acto o resolución relativos a la actividad parlamentaria que sean de interés general;

II.- Los decretos, reglamentos, acuerdos y órdenes del Ejecutivo Federal que sean de interés general;

III.- Los acuerdos, circulares y órdenes de las Dependencias del Ejecutivo Federal, que sean de interés general;

- IV.- Los Tratados celebrados por el Gobierno de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos;
- V.- Los acuerdos y resoluciones de interés general emitidos por el Pleno de la Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación, el Consejo de la Judicatura Federal y el Tribunal Electoral del Poder Judicial de la Federación;
- VI.- Las disposiciones jurídicas que la Constitución y las leyes ordenen que se publiquen en el Periódico Oficial;
- VII.- Los acuerdos y resoluciones de carácter general que emitan los Órganos Constitucionales Autónomos que sean de interés general;

Task 3 (9 pts)

Traditional economics is defined as the study of choice under conditions of scarcity. All choice carries an opportunity cost.

Evaluate the statement above by answering the following questions.

1. According to economics, what is scarce?
2. Do you agree with economics' axiom of scarcity?
3. Briefly explain why opportunity cost results from choice.

Task 4 (9 pts)

Amartya Sen's, *Freedom as Development* redefines and broadens the fundamental concepts underlying the process of development. In so doing Sen creates a useful roadmap for humanity's well-being. Well-being is an oft-stated desiderata for economics.

1. Sen notes that "unfreedoms" rob individuals of agency and therefore contribute to miseries of one kind or another. List three (3) broad categories of unfreedoms and in each case briefly explain why agency is diminished.
2. List three (3) distinct types of freedoms that are fundamental for development. and briefly explain why these freedoms are synergistic.
3. Sen argues that development must have a broader definition than simply economic enhancement. What is Sen's definition of development?

Task 5 (6 pts)

Large public and private organizations use Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for solicitation of contractors and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for ensuring the quality of work performed.

1. What are three (3) pieces of basic information that a potential contractor must provide in response to an RFP?
2. Translate the following definition of an SOP into Spanish:
A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is a set of written instructions that document a routine or repetitive activity followed by an organization. The development and use of SOPs are an integral part of a successful quality system because SOPs provide individuals with the information to perform a job properly. The use of SOPs facilitates consistency in the quality and integrity of a product or end-result. SOPs detail the regularly recurring work processes that are to be conducted or followed within an organization. They document the way activities are to be performed to facilitate consistent conformance to technical and quality system requirements, to support data quality, and to ensure compliance with governmental regulations.

Task 6 (9 pts)

Free trade has been the darling of neoliberal economics for decades. Herman Daly vehemently opposes unilateral free trade. His arguments are presented in the article, *The Perils of Free Trade*¹, which we read in class. Answer the following questions about the article.

1. Briefly, what is meant by the term, free trade?
2. What is the modern reality of capital that undermines and invalidates a fundamental premise of Ricardo's theory of comparative advantage?
3. Free trade seems to fly under the banner, "Privatize the profits and externalize the costs." What does this slogan mean?
4. Who are the real beneficiaries of free trade? Why?
5. Neoliberal economists have neglected the reality of the relationship between the economy and the biosphere. How is a steady-state economy analogous to an organism and why is a steady-state economy absolutely required for sustainability?
6. Do you think a binding, international legal system that requires corporate full cost accounting would fix the problems created by free trade?

Task 7 (6 pts)

Our second novel, *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya is a coming-of-age story against the backdrop of the mysticism, superstitions, and family expectations in rural New Mexico of the 1940s. Briefly summarize the story up through Chapter 7.

1 Daly, H. E. (1993). The perils of free trade. *Scientific American*, 269(5), 50-57.n