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Final Examination

This is an “open-book” examination. When preparing your answer, you may read, listen to, or watch any material you wish. However, you must abide by the following rules:

- (1) When preparing and drafting your answer, you may not consult in any way with any other person.
- (2) Plagiarism is strictly forbidden. Guidelines concerning mandatory attribution of sources and associated citation requirements are available at <https://usingsources.fas.harvard.edu/harvard-plagiarism-policy>.
- (3) Although you are permitted to use artificial intelligence when preparing your answer, you must abide by the following constraints:
 - a) As you likely know, large language models (LLMs), such as “ChatGPT” or “Claude,” sometimes “hallucinate.” In other words, they fabricate material and then present it as real. If, as a result of using such a model, your answer contained false information, you would be penalized – in much the same way that a journalist who included false information in an article, or a lawyer who included false information in a brief, would be penalized. Thus, if you consult a LLM when preparing your answer, you should certainly verify the accuracy of the information it provides you.
 - b) Appropriate attribution of material obtained from a LLM is just as essential to academic integrity as it is for any other source. Thus, if you derive an idea or an argument from such a model, you must include in your answer a footnote clearly identifying the model in question.
 - c) Finally, if any of the text you include in your answer consists of language generated by artificial intelligence (or a paraphrase of such language), you must underline the text at issue in addition to providing an appropriate footnote.

The exam contains two Parts; you must answer both. Part I contains seven questions; you must answer all of them. Part II has three options; you must answer one and only one. The word limit for each question and the weight that will be assigned to each of your answers are indicated below.

	Word Limit	Weight
Part I, Question a	300 words	9%
Part I, Question b	300 words	9%
Part I, Question c	300 words	9%
Part I, Question d	300 words	9%
Part I, Question e	300 words	9%
Part I, Question f	100 words	6%
Part I, Question g	300 words	9%
Part II	1500 words	40%

The exam will be available starting at 21:00 UTC on April 30, 2026. It is due no later than 21:00 UTC on May 4, 2026. Answers must be submitted via the [CopyrightX portal](#); email submissions will not be accepted. To submit your answer, please follow these steps:

- (i) log in your [CopyrightX account](#);
- (ii) click on the "Exams" option in the main menu;
- (iii) click on "CopyrightX 2026";
- (iv) click on the "Choose File" button and then select your answer file; and
- (v) click "Upload."

Please note that only one (1) file in **PDF format** can be uploaded. You should receive an **email confirmation** shortly after the submission of your answer file; if you do not receive it, please reach out to copyrightcourse@law.harvard.edu as soon as possible.

When submitting your exam, please adhere to the following formatting guidelines:

- Please name your exam file as follows: [Last name], [First name] – CopyrightX Exam
 - *For example:* Warhol, Andy – CopyrightX Exam
- Please include your name and email address at the top of the first page of your submission.

During the examination, all of the course materials (including the assigned readings, recorded lectures, and maps of copyright law and theory) will remain available at <http://ipxcourses.org/copyrightx/>.

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