

Midterm exam
SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The midterm is a take-home exam of three essay questions. You will not be able to discuss the exam itself with classmates or others.

The questions below are not be on the exam, but in structure and expectations, these questions are much like the ones that are included. We're providing these as a study tool, so feel free to discuss these with classmates or, for example, to watch the review session video together and work together on the sample question discussed in that video. [video not included in MIT OpenCourseWare site]

1. (FOR 30 POINTS) **Justifying the ends and means of planning in the public interest.** **Klosterman** argues that planning will not struggle much to justify its ends but seems to struggle quite a bit to justify its means ("procedural approach"). To what extent is *either* of these claims true? Assess **Klosterman's** arguments—and offer your own—drawing on **Scott, Healey, and Arnstein**. You may use brief examples from more than one case if you wish. Write an answer of no more than 700 words, and remember to include the word count below your answer.
2. (FOR 30 POINTS) **The role(s) of planners: Options and debates.** According to **Friedmann**, modern planning was born with fairly specific ideas about the role of the planners. What were these ideas, and how adequate are they in today's world? In preparing your response, consider the arguments of **Davidoff** (planner as advocate), **Forester** (planner as sense-maker), and **Suskind and Cruikshank** (planner as facilitator-mediator). You may use brief examples from more than one case if you wish. Write an answer of no more than 700 words, and remember to include the word count below your answer.