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**Subject Title:** Australian Urban Planning (Postgraduate)

**Reading Time:** 15 minutes

**Exam Duration:** 2 hours

**This paper has** 2 pages

**Authorised Materials:**

*No materials are authorised*

**Instructions to Invigilators:**

*Script books only. No other books are authorised*

**Instructions to Students:**

*Answer Question 1 from Part 1, one question from Part 2, two questions from Part 3.  
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## **PART 1 (ANSWER QUESTION 1)**

1. The modernist architect Otto Wagner had this to say about the straight line in urban design: 'A mass of arguments speak clearly and energetically in favour of its use to the maximum. But from the viewpoint of urban planning, it becomes a self-justifying condition, for one simple reason: the active person walks in a straight line. And a person in a hurry is annoyed by detours which waste time'. Discuss.

## **PART 2 (ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM PART 2)**

2. Horst Rittel and Melvin Webber wrote that planning addressed 'wicked problems'. Describe four characteristics of a 'wicked problem'.

3. In what ways did Ebenezer Howard's approach to town planning differ from 'classical' town planning?

4. Why did the 1971 Plan for Metropolitan Melbourne meet with such a critical reception from the public, and what was the Victorian Government's response?

## **PART 3 (ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS FROM PART 3)**

5. What do you understand by 'social polarisation' and 'cultural pluralisation'? How should planners react to these phenomena?

6. The construction of a ring road around the periphery of metropolitan Melbourne has been an increasingly strong element of planning policy since it was first mooted in 1967. Do the facts of travel behaviour and urban growth justify the expense of its construction?

7. What do you understand by 'corporate liberalism' and how does this philosophy affect urban planning?

8. What are the three main theories of political society and how do they differ from one another?

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