A. Reading and comments (60 points)

1. The Master Plan for a development is a drawing which shows much greater detail than the Conceptual Plan — similar to the view as seen through an out of focus camera which is gradually brought into focus. The actual sizes and shapes of plan elements are shown at an accurate scale and the plan begins to look very realistic as though viewed from above. The Master Plan is typically drafted and precisely drawn so that it can serve as the basis for the preparation of Construction Documents. (from Kevin Lynch, 1984)

2. Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It contains within it two key concepts: the concept of needs, in particular the essential needs of the world’s poor, to which overriding priority should be given; and the idea of limitations imposed by the state of technology and social organization on the environment’s ability to meet present and future needs. (from Brundtland Commission, 1987)

3. There is now international acknowledgement that efforts to reduce disaster risks must be systematically integrated into policies, plans and programs for sustainable development and poverty reduction, and supported through bilateral, regional and international cooperation, including partnerships. Sustainable development, poverty reduction, good governance and disaster risk reduction are mutually supportive objectives, and in order to meet the challenges ahead, accelerated efforts must be made to build the necessary capacities at the community and national levels to manage and reduce risk. Such an approach is to be recognized as an important element for the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration (from World Conference on Disaster Reduction- Hyogo Declaration, 2005)

B. Writing (40 Points) (Please write a brief essay in English. The length of the essay should be less than 500 words)

What is the future plan in your career, and why do you choose Graduate School of Architect and Urban Disaster Management?