

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

SOS2603 - Nordic welfare society - contemporary perspectives

December 8th 2016
4 hours

No aids, except for dictionaries that have been submitted to the Faculty of Social Sciences for control, are permitted.

Examination results will be announced January 4th at 2 p.m. Examination results will be published on Studentweb at approx. 3 p.m. the same day.

Results are considered to be received by students when published on Studentweb. Remember that candidates who wish to request grounds must do so **within 1 week after the announcement of examination results**. The deadline for appealing the grade is three weeks after the announcement of examination results. Information on procedures for requesting grounds and appeals at the Department of Sociology and Human Geography is available on the course page.

The exam papers comprise **2 pages** including this one.

The candidate must submit both the original and the copy of the paper. Drafts are not to be submitted.

NOTE!

Use sufficient pressure to ensure the copy is readable. Marker pens cannot be used.

Remember to note your candidate number.

You must answer both question 1 and question 2. In question 2 you will answer either assignment 2A, 2B or 2C. Question 1 accounts for 1/3, and assignment 2 counts for 2/3 of the final grade in this school exam. (This school exam counts 60% percent of your final grade in the course, and will be merged with your previous result for the individual assignment, that counts 40%).

The exam can be written in English, Norwegian, Swedish or Danish.
Make sure the copy of your answer is readable.

Question 1

Outline and discuss briefly three (3) of the four (4) following concepts:

1. Gender pay gap
2. Earnings-related pensions
3. De-familialization
4. Tripartite concertation

Question 2

Discuss one of the following topics:

EITHER

2 A) In December 2011, the Swedish Social Democratic Party applied for a patent on the term “the Nordic model”. In your view, what are the main historical features that justify such an application? And what are the main historical features that you would draw on if you were to argue against the granting of such a patent?

OR

2 B) To what extent are the Nordic welfare state “migration robust”? Compare the situation in Norway with at least one other Nordic country.

OR

2 C) Chose one – 1 – out of these present demographic trends: low fertility, ageing population, later parenthood, increasing divorce risk, or more unmarried cohabitation. Analyse the challenges implied by the trend you have chosen, and discuss the main policy approaches that governments have implemented to deal with them. You should cover the policy response of at least two countries, and one of them should be a Nordic one.

Good luck!