KOR2510 Exam fall 2023

Information

Exam date: November 24th, 09:00-13:00. This exam consists of three parts. You must respond to all three parts. Each part counts for one third of the final grade. The examination text is given in English. You may submit your response in Norwegian, Swedish, Danish or English. What you write will be stored automatically every 15 seconds. You may, at any time, switch back and forth between exam modules in order to check what you have done in each; however, the modules are numbered, and you must do each module as a separate unit. No aids permitted. Break a leg!

Question 1

Describe the main events of North Korean history in the 1950s. What was the long-term influence of Korean War (1950-1953) on North Korea's politics, society and culture? What were the main developments in agriculture and industry during this period? What changes did this period witness in North Korea's relationship with Soviet Union and People's Republic of China? How will you assess the overall significance of this period in general?

Question 2

Describe the relationship between North Korea and People's Republic of China since the early 1990s. What is the significance of economic ties with People's Republic of China for North Korea? What sort of geopolitical value does North Korea have for People's Republic of China? How were the ties affected by North Korea's nuclear program, and why? What is your overall assessment of the present state of Sino-North Korean relations?

Question 3

Describe what you know about North Korea's military strategy. What are the overall strategic aims of North Korean regime, and which branches of the military does it prioritize? What are the roles of its nuclear and missile programs in its overall strategy? What are the general effects of militarization on North Korean society, economy and culture?