KOR2510 - North Korea: Ideology, Society and Politics Fall semester 2024 Postponed exam

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. After starting the exam, you will see your remaining time in the upper left corner.

No examination support materials are permitted.

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Question 1

North Korea has been attempting to engage, economically and diplomatically, Western European countries, including Scandinavia, since the 1970s. What were the main reasons behind this strategy, and the chief impediments on its way? What were the eventual results of North Korean attempts to build bridges with Western Europe?

Question 2

North Korea started research on nuclear physics in the late 1950s and tested its first nuclear devise in 2006. Describe the historical trajectory of North Korea's nuclear program and the reasoning behind its acceleration in the 1990s and later. What are the effects of North Korea's de facto acquisition of nuclear weapons, domestically and internationally?

Question 3

Describe the vicissitudes of North-South Korean relationship since the late 1990s. What were the results of the attempts at reconciling two Koreans after the late 1990s? Describe the reasons why these attempts took place and the evolution of North-South relationship during and after these attempts. What were the main obstacles on the way towards inter-Korean reconciliation?