

## **NORINT0500 Norwegian Life and Society**

### **Specifics on answering exam questions**

Students often ask how long their answers to the exam questions should be. We hope the following will be of help.

There are no set norms as far as the length of the answers to the exam questions in the NORINT0500 exam is concerned. The important thing is that you address the questions asked. Some questions may be many-faceted and require more detail or a somewhat longer answer, while others may be fairly straightforward and a shorter answer will suffice. It is not the number of pages that will decide your grade, but the content and quality of your answer.

Naturally, answers to questions under the category “short answers” will be shorter than the one under “essay”. While the short answers may be quite short, the essay should go more in depth, and you should use the essay question as an opportunity to show the reader what you know about the subject as well as your own thoughts and reflections on it.

Bear in mind that the questions are designed with the time frame of the entire exam in mind: three hours. Also, remember that the “short answers” section and the “essay” section count 50 % each. It may therefore be reasonable to spend your time (i.e., max three hours) in such a way that answering four of the six “short answer” questions does not take more than half the time you have for the exam.