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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

B.A.

Scand. Studs. SC5660: Finland Since 1809

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Answer THREE questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Why did Alexander I decide to convene a meeting of the Finnish estates in 1809, rather than simply incorporate the conquered Finnish territories into the Russian empire?
2. Why were the Finns not more united in the face of Imperial Russian attacks on their country's autonomous status during the last decades of Imperial rule?
3. In what respects can the revolution of 1905 be characterised as a major watershed for political life in Finland?
4. Assess the importance of the forest in either the development of the Finnish economy or the creation of a national identity.
5. 'The main causes of the civil war are not to be found in the social conditions prevalent in Finland at the time, but in the political chaos brought about by the revolution of 1917.' Discuss.
6. Assess the role and contribution to political life in the interwar years of either the Agrarian Union or the Social Democratic Party.
7. Why did the Soviet Union attack Finland on 30 November, 1939?
8. With what justification can it be claimed that the Soviet Union 'succeeded in silencing and manipulating' the Finnish media during the Cold War?
9. How successful was Urho Kekkonen in his policy of 'active neutrality'?
10. Assess the impact of the collapse of the Soviet Union on Finnish perceptions of their country's postwar history and identity.