

**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

*For The Following Qualification:-*

*B.A.*

**Scand. Studs. SC1820: Introduction to Contemporary Scandinavia**

**COURSE CODE : SCAN1820**

**UNIT VALUE : 0.50**

**DATE : 15-MAY-03**

**TIME : 10.00**

**TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours**

**Answer THREE questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. How relevant is 'Scandinavia' as a concept when studying the post-war history of EITHER Finland OR Iceland?
2. What have been the main driving forces behind immigration to Scandinavia during the post-war period?
3. In what ways has the performance of the Scandinavian economies diverged since 1970?
4. EITHER (a) "One model – five exceptions." Discuss this characterisation of the Scandinavian welfare states with reference to the period 1945-2003.  
  
OR (b) What evidence is there for a "crisis" in the Scandinavian welfare states since 1990?
5. What is distinctive about the Scandinavian model of government?
6. Why have right wing populist parties performed better in Norway and Denmark than in Sweden during the 1990s and after?
7. To what extent did the so-called 'Nordic Balance' work against a deeper level of Nordic integration during the period 1949-91?
8. What are the main reasons for the relatively high degree of gender equality in Scandinavia?
9. Analyse the implications of the proposed EU enlargement for the continued existence of Scandinavia or Norden as a distinctive region.