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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 : **10-MAY-04**

TIME : **10.00**

TIME ALLOWED : **3 Hours**

Answer THREE questions. All questions carry equal marks. 'Scandinavia' in this context refers to Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

1. How meaningful is 'Scandinavia' as a geo-political region in 2004?
2. Compare responses to immigration and cultural diversity in ANY TWO Scandinavian countries.
3. Account for the divergence in the performance of the Scandinavian economies since 1970.
4. EITHER (a) To what extent is the distinctiveness of the Scandinavian welfare model a product of cultural, rather than structural, influences?

OR (b) Assess the main challenges to the Scandinavian welfare model during the 1990s and after.
5. What is distinctive about the Scandinavian model of government?
6. Account for the emergence of new political parties in Scandinavia since 1970.
7. Why has Nordic co-operation not been more successful?
8. "High levels of female political representation are not an accurate reflection of equality between men and women." Discuss this statement in relation to Scandinavia.