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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

B.A.

Scand. Studs. SC5330: Runology I

COURSE CODE

: SCAN5330

UNIT VALUE

: 0.50

DATE

: 13-MAY-05

TIME

: 14.30

TIME ALLOWED

: 3 Hours

A candidate may not in any answer cover the same ground as in an assessed or extended essay.

Answer THREE questions, ONE from EACH Section.

SECTION A (40%)

- 1. Transliterate the following sequences of runes into the roman alphabet and explain briefly the principles on which your transliterations are based.
 - (a) $HIXIRIMIYITIN \Pi$

 - (d) $PRY+\Gamma\Gamma\Upsilon L + 1+R+'++1+RP+RBIB+R$

SCAN 5330 TURN OVER

2. Study the runic inscription reproduced below. Transliterate it into the roman alphabet, commenting on any diagnostic rune forms, translate the inscription into English, and write brief notes on its language and content.

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SECTION B (30%)

- 3. Define, discuss and exemplify FIVE of the following terms used in runology: fubark; graph-type; retrograde rune; the acrophonic principle; bow; homorganic nasal; separator; bind-rune.
- 4. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of AT LEAST THREE theories that seek to explain the origin of the runes.

SCAN 5330 CONTINUED

- 5. Why, in your view, did the Scandinavians of the Viking Age use a different system of runic writing from their third- to seventh-century predecessors?
- 6. Discuss the origin and development of dotting in runic writing.
- 7. In what ways was runic writing affected by the adoption of the roman alphabet in Scandinavia?

SECTION C (30%)

- 8. How far is the Istaby inscription typical of those written in the older fupark?
- 9. To what extent do you find it justifiable to describe Scandinavians of the Viking Age as 'literate'?
- 10. What may have prompted so many Viking-Age Scandinavians to raise rune stones?
- 11. What characterises runic inscriptions of the period c. 1100-1400?
- 12. Discuss the relationship between runes and magic.