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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

B.A.

Scand. Studs. SC5340: Runology II

COURSE CODE : **SCAN5340**

UNIT VALUE : **0.50**

DATE : **29-APR-04**

TIME : **10.00**

TIME ALLOWED : **3 Hours**

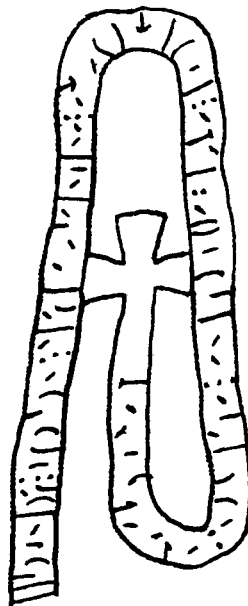
A candidate may not in any answer cover the same ground as in an assessed or extended essay.

Answer BOTH questions in Section A and ONE question EACH from Section B and Section C.

SECTION A (40%)

1. Choose TWO of the runic inscriptions reproduced below. Transliterate them into the roman alphabet, commenting on any diagnostic rune forms; translate the inscriptions into English, and write brief notes, as appropriate, on their language, subject matter and meaning.

(a)



(b)

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(c)

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7. Compare and contrast the runes used in the Isle of Man with those found in Maeshowe, Orkney.

SECTION C (30%)

8. Discuss the historical background to the Jelling 1 and 2 inscriptions.
9. What reasons are there to suppose that the Glavendrup inscription is the product of an entirely pagan milieu?
10. 'U 164 Täby was originally part of an imposing eleventh-century monument.' Discuss.
11. What types of runic inscription were carved in medieval Bergen?
12. What significance can be attached to the distribution of Scandinavian runic inscriptions in the British Isles?