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## EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

*For the following qualifications :-*

B. A.

### **Scand. Studs. SC5620: Scandinavia and the Second World War**

COURSE CODE : **SCAN5620**

UNIT VALUE : **0.50**

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TIME ALLOWED : **3 hours**

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**Answer TWO questions. Both questions carry equal marks.**

1. Account for the failure of fascism and fascist parties to achieve a significant measure of support in Denmark, Norway and Sweden during the 1930s.
2. Examine the nature of Finnish-Swedish cooperation in the fields of security and defence policy before the outbreak of the Winter War.
3. EITHER (a) 'A race for Norway.' To what extent is this a fair description of Anglo-French and German policies towards the Nordic region between December 1939 and 9 April 1940?  
  
OR (b) Why was the neutrality of Denmark, Finland and Norway destroyed in the period 1939-40?
4. EITHER (a) Analyse the course of German-Swedish relations between June 1940 and 1945.  
  
OR (b) 'The concessions Sweden made to the western allies between 1943 and 1945 were a greater derogation from strict neutrality than any concession made to Germany between 1943 and 1945.' Discuss.
5. Compare and contrast the history of the German occupation in Denmark and Norway during the Second World War.
6. What impact did the Second World War have on Iceland's position in international relations during the period 1940-1949?
7. Why were Denmark, Norway and Sweden unable to conclude a defence union after the Second World War?
8. 'A slow and painful adjustment to political realities.' Discuss this assessment of the development of Finnish policy towards the Soviet Union between 1939 and 1948.