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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

B.A.

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

COURSE CODE

: SCAN5620

UNIT VALUE

: 0.50

DATE

: 01-MAY-03

TIME

: 10.00

TIME ALLOWED

: 3 Hours

Answer TWO questions. Both questions carry equal marks.

Candidates may not in any answer cover the same ground as in an extended essay or another written paper.

- 1. Why did the Nordic countries fail to establish any significant measure of cooperation in the field of defence policy before the outbreak of the Second World War?
- 2. Why were right-wing authoritarian movements less successful in gaining popular support in Denmark, Norway and Sweden than in Finland during the 1930s?
- 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. Compare and contrast Swedish policy towards Finland during the Winter War and the Continuation War.
- 5. To what extent did the resignation of the Danish government in 1943 lead to a real change in Denmark's position as an occupied power?
- 6. '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 1940 and 1943.' Discuss.
- 7. '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.
- 8. Account for the Norwegian transition from neutralism to NATO membership between 1940 and 1949.