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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

B.A.

Scand. Studs. SC5670: Scandinavian Social Democracy

COURSE CODE : SCAN5670

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 28-APR-04

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

Answer TWO questions, ONE from Section 1, and ONE from Section 2. Both questions carry equal marks.

SECTION 1

1. Why did there seem to be more support for anarcho-syndicalism and other revolutionary currents in Norway, compared to Sweden and Denmark, during the decades either side of the First World War?
2. Compare the impact of the Second World War on the public perception of the social democratic parties in Scandinavia.
3. Why were the social democratic parties so dominant in Scandinavia during the period 1945-1965?
4. How have the Scandinavian social democratic parties attempted to respond to the political challenges, from right and left, during the last twenty years?

SECTION 2

5. Assess the relative contributions of European socialist thought and Scandinavian political influences to the ideological development of Scandinavian social democracy.
6. In what ways has the trade union movement influenced the development of the Scandinavian social democratic parties during the twentieth century?
7. In what ways did social democratic parties attempt to construct an alternative culture during the interwar period?
8. For what reasons was Scandinavian social democracy seen as a 'middle way' by foreign commentators between the 1930s and the 1970s?