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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 : 12-MAY-06

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. Assess the relevance of the Bull-Galenson thesis (linking variations in working-class radicalism to the speed and timing of industrialisation) for explaining why there was more support for revolutionary politics in Norway than in Denmark and Sweden during the 1910s and 1920s.
2. Compare the impact of the Second World War on the public perceptions of the social democratic parties in Scandinavia.
3. What were the principal challenges faced by the Scandinavian social democratic parties during the so-called 'golden years' c. 1950-1970?
4. How have the Scandinavian social democratic parties responded to the challenge of European integration since c. 1970?

SECTION 2

5. "The greater the splits on the left wing, the greater political strength for Social Democracy." (Elvander, 1980, p. 126.) Discuss this statement, with reference to Denmark, Norway and Sweden during the period since the 1960s.
6. 'From class parties to people's parties' – how justified is this view of the development of the Scandinavian social democratic parties during the inter-war period?
7. Analyse the relationship between the trade union movement and the social democratic party in ANY ONE Scandinavian country as it has developed over the twentieth century.
8. Why, and with what justification, has Scandinavian social democracy been described as a 'middle way'?