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**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

For The Following Qualification:-

*B.A.*

**Scand. Studs. SC4730: Sources for Viking Age II**

COURSE CODE : **SCAN4730**

UNIT VALUE : **0.50**

DATE : **05-MAY-04**

TIME : **10.00**

TIME ALLOWED : **3 Hours**

Answer THREE questions. All questions carry equal marks. A candidate may not in any answer cover the same ground as in an assessed essay. Avoid any duplication of material within this paper.

1. 'Rimbert's *Vita Anskarii* is too much a work of hagiography to have significant value as a source for the student of the Viking Age.' Discuss.
2. In what way does Constantine Porphyrogenitus's *De administrando imperio* contribute to our knowledge of the Rus?
3. How would you assess Ohthere's account in King Alfred's *Orosius* as a source for the Viking Age?
4. What evidence is there for belief in the divinity of kings amongst the Vikings and their ancestors?
5. Consider the figure of Loki in Norse mythology.
6. Give a critical account of the fourth book of Adam of Bremen's *Gesta* as a source for the Viking Age.
7. Consider the position of women in Viking-Age Scandinavia.
8. What can be learnt about the Vikings from sources written in Arabic?
9. Give an account based on *The Anglo-Saxon chronicle* on Scandinavian activity in England over the period 950-1050.
10. 'Its testimony is of central importance to the Normanist controversy.' How far can you agree with this view of *The Russian primary chronicle*?
11. Write notes on THREE of the following: the god Njörðr; Eriksgata; correspondence in runes; the Danelaw; the poem *Völuspá*; the runic stone on Frösön, Jämtland; the Battle of Clontarf; the wooden animal head from the mouth of the Schelde; Eiríkr blóðøx; Lindholm Høje; human sacrifice in the Viking Age; Alcuin's letter to Ethelred of Northumbria.