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## **Examination paper for SOS2501 Norwegian Society**

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**Define 4 out of 6 terms (maximum half a page):**

The European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement

The father's quota

Nationalism

Social inequality

Parliamentarism

The Nordic healthcare model

**Choose one of the three essay questions:**

1. Many look upon Norway as a pioneer when it comes to gender equality. The fertility rate is relatively high in a European context and the proportion of women in the labor market is high. During the last decades Norway has introduced several adjustments in her family politics in relation to changes in work and family structures. Account for some of these political adjustments and discuss how these may or may not have an impact on gender equality in family and working life.
2. Describe the Norwegian energy structure and how it differs from that of most other countries. Why is there no Norwegian "resource curse"? What are the dangers that there will be a Norwegian "resource curse" in the future?
3. Describe the major Norwegian political institutions. Discuss similarities with and differences from other countries' political systems.