Examination paper for SOS2501 Norwegian Society

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Define these terms (maximum half a page):

1) The Sami assembly
2) National identity
3) Parliamen.tarism
4) The collaborative experiments (de norske samarbeidsforsøkene)
5) Norway’s foreign policy concerns

Choose two out of the following five assignments, and write a longer essay on each:

1) Account for the Norwegian parental leave, and explain the objectives of the fathers’ quota. Discuss whether this welfare right may have an impact on gender equality.

2) Present the Norwegian healthcare model, and define its most important characteristics and ideological foundation. Discuss how and why there has been pressure to reform and change the system.

3) Give a presentation of the main Norwegian political institutions. Compare the Norwegian political system (similarities and differences) with other countries.

4) Present the Norwegian energy structure. Explain why an abundance of resources is also known as a resource curse. Why has there not been a Norwegian “resource curse”? Are there any dangers that there will be a Norwegian resource curse in the future?

5) In the 1980s The International Whaling Commission (IWC) adopted a “moratorium” on all commercial whaling. In 1993 Norway resumed its commercial whaling. A controversial decision in which Norway has been criticized for. Explain why this decision is seen as controversial. What are the main arguments given by Norway for resuming commercial whaling?