ENGLISH

The student shall choose two (2) of the following four (4) tasks and answer them.

1. Gender equality is said to be the hallmark of the Nordic welfare state. Describe and discuss two or more reforms in family policy that have had as an explicit aim to promote equality between women and men and/or mothers and fathers.

2. Describe how the Norwegian government (Regjeringen) rules on a no confidence principle. Is it reasonable to argue that the power balance between the Government (Regjeringen) and the Parliament (Stortinget) is in favor of the parliament?

3. Give a brief account of the structure and potentials of the Norwegian education system. Norway like most other OECD countries, faces severe challenges in terms of educational dropout from the upper secondary school. Discuss this in light of the Norwegian welfare system.

4. Discuss why the Svalbard archipelago has been and remains of strategic importance for Norway. Give examples and discuss some of what the Norwegian government has done to strengthen the Norwegian sovereignty over the islands.