Examination paper for SOS2501 The Norwegian Society

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This exam consists of two parts which each account for 50% of the total grade. Both parts have to be answered in order to pass the exam.

PART I: Questions  
Answer 7 out of the 10 questions:

1) How can «political cleavages» be used to explain the structuring of the party alternatives in Norway?  
2) How are the members of parliament elected to Stortinget, and what does it mean that the Norwegian election system is proportional?  
3) Norway has a reputation of being ‘a peace-nation’. Why? Do you think that is a correct description? Why/ Why not?  
4) Which factors explain health-inequality in Norway?  
5) What two reforms of care policy did Norway introduce in the 1990s and how has this affected both family-life and work life?  
6) Why is abundance of resources also known as a resource curse?  
7) Why did Norway escape the resource-curse?  
8) According to Hylland Eriksen (2013) the Norwegian Government has not been entirely successful in their goal towards integration of immigrants. What do the two concepts assimilation and integration mean?  
9) What role does mass-sport have in Norway?  
10) What forms of welfare arrangements do you find in the Norwegian labour market?

PART II: Essay  
Answer one of the following questions: 

Question 1: How has the mediatization of Norway influenced the relationship between media and politics? How is Norway different and similar to other countries in this respect?  

Question 2: The Norwegian decision to resume Commercial whaling has been very controversial -- outside of Norway. Why is this decision controversial? (Consider both the actions of the International Whaling Commission as well as various critics). What is Norway's reason for deciding to resume Commercial whaling?