

Written Exam Economics Winter 2020-2021

The Danish Welfare model

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Answers only in English.

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Question 1.

A comparative analysis of Denmark's and the USA's welfare policy in the health area is required.

- a. Analyze the funding model and its implications for equality / inequality in the two countries.
- b. Analyze the difference between the universal Danish welfare model and the US's principal contribution financing.
- c. Examine the reasons for the difference in the extent of health care spending in the USA and Denmark.

Question 2.

An analysis is required of the Danish welfare reform from 2006 and its effect on employees / pensioners in the future.

- a. What significance does it have for the effect of the reform that a senior pension scheme has been adopted?
- b. Compare the effects of the 2006 reform with the expected effects of the Danish Social Democratic government's recently adopted early retirement program for population groups that have started early in the labor market but have not achieved significant pension savings.

Both questions must be answered.