

Written Exam Economics Winter 2019-20

The Danish Welfare Model

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Answers only in English.

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Exam questions 2019

The Danish Welfare Model – 2019

In 2006, the Danish parliament implemented the welfare and pension reform, which amongst other things implies that the retirement age and the early retirement age increase over time.

However, four different proposals / agreements have been suggested, that will change the welfare reform.

Against this background, make an analysis of the social and economic consequences of the following new proposals / amendments. Subject: Retirement age.

Questions:

- a. The introduction of a differentiated pension, where workers in certain industries have the opportunity of earlier retirement.
- b. Introduction of a senior pension scheme, which allows workers to apply for early retirement due to attrition, up to 5 years before the retirement age is reached.
- c. An alternative to the welfare settlement from 2006 so as to slow down the future rise in the retirement age.
- d. Establishment of a mandatory labor market pension scheme for the approximately 750,000 persons in the labor market who are currently outside the pension savings schemes.