

Written Exam for the B.Sc. or M.Sc. in Economics winter 2013-14

## **The Danish Welfare Model**

Final Exam/ Elective Course/ Master's Course

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This exam question consists of 2 pages in total

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In case of presumed exam cheating, which is observed by either the examination registration of the respective study programmes, the invigilation or the course lecturer, the Head of Studies will make a preliminary inquiry into the matter, requesting a statement from the course lecturer and possibly the invigilation, too. Furthermore, the Head of Studies will interview the student. If the Head of Studies finds that there are reasonable grounds to suspect exam cheating, the issue will be reported to the Rector. In the course of the study and during examinations, the student is expected to conform to the rules and regulations governing academic integrity. Academic dishonesty includes falsification, plagiarism, failure to disclose information, and any other kind of misrepresentation of the student's own performance and results or assisting another student herewith. For example failure to indicate sources in written assignments is regarded as failure to disclose information. Attempts to cheat at examinations are dealt with in the same manner as exam cheating which has been carried through. In case of exam cheating, the following sanctions may be imposed by the Rector:

- 1. A warning
- 2. Expulsion from the examination
- 3. Suspension from the University for at limited period or permanent expulsion.

## **Exam questions**

### **The Danish Welfare Model, December 2013**

From 2006 to 2013, Denmark has implemented numerous and extensive welfare reforms.

In 2006, a welfare reform was adopted, and in 2011, Denmark adopted a retirement reform. Recently, in addition an SU (students living stipends) reform, where the main aim was to reduce study time and speed up the time to begin the study, has been adopted. Finally a social assistance reform and reform of the flex job system have been introduced, both reforms aimed at improving incentives to enter the labor market.

Against this background, please provide a social and economic analysis of the reforms' impact on Danish society and its inhabitants.

In addition to this, provide an analysis of the impact on inequality in society and the sustainability of the Danish economy, analyzed in both the short and the long term.