

Scandinavian studies

Diploma exam - exam questions

1. Please discuss and explain the Norwegian road to independence in 1905 (reasons for the breakup of the Swedish-Norwegian Union, sequence of historical events, the birth of Norwegian patriotism).
2. Please characterise and explain the role of Norwegian territory - Norway's position in the second world war and economic plans of the Third Reich.
3. Please discuss thoroughly and explain Norway's energy potential (energy resources, role in the global energy market).
4. Please thoroughly discuss the roots, actions of the parties during the conflict, and the consequences of the conflict between Iceland and Great Britain aimed at controlling cod fisheries.
5. Please characterise the dependent territories of the Kingdom of Denmark. Present their importance for the economy, security and international position of Denmark.
6. Please explain the reasons - premises for rejection of the treaty on accession to the European Communities (European Union) in the referendum by the Norwegians twice in the 20th century. Explain why Norway remained outside the European Union.
7. Please discuss the provisions of the Edinburgh Agreement between Denmark and the European Union concluded in December 1992. What is the content of the so-called opt-out exclusions from integration for the Kingdom of Denmark.
8. Please explain what is meant by the law of active and passive legation.
9. Please explain what functions the head of the permanent diplomatic mission, i.e. the ambassador, has (should fulfil) in the relations with the host country.
10. Please explain the basic functions of diplomacy (permanent, temporary) in inter-state relations for each country. What specific tasks does the diplomatic service fulfil?
11. Describe, in a comprehensive manner, the military potential - Norway's defence potential. Please provide a picture of the organization and equipment of the armed forces of Norway.

12. Describe, in a comprehensive manner, the military potential - Sweden's defence potential. Please provide a picture of the organization and equipment of the armed forces of Sweden.
13. Explain the Swedish doctrine of military non-engagement in the 21st century. What does it mean in relations with the European Union and NATO?
14. Please explain the reasons for the development and political popularity of the so-called protest parties (extreme, radical) in the Scandinavian countries. What concerns and problems are these parties responding to?
15. Please discuss the differences and similarities between Norwegian and Swedish criminal literature - crime novels.
16. Please discuss the assumptions and elements of the Scandinavian welfare state doctrine / model in the 20th century. Indicate examples of its most important features.
17. Please explain the assumptions and goals of Denmark's environmental policy.
18. Please discuss and explain the Monarch's - Royal's political position in the selected Nordic state. Please describe the Monarch's - Royal's powers, prerogatives and competences in one of the selected countries.
19. Please, discuss and characterise deeply the party system of one selected Scandinavian state. Please present the political programs of the political parties in the selected country, their political support, the main axes of socio-political divisions in the given country.
20. Please describe the migration policy of Sweden or Norway at the end of the 20th and at the beginning of the 21st century.
21. Please describe the position of Swedish companies on the global market. Choose a few Swedish companies and present their importance in selected product and service markets.
22. What are the basic features, values and attitudes that define Norwegian national identity, according to Norwegians?