

**Examination:**  
**SOS2402 - Family, gender and the welfare state**

**May 18th, 2012**  
**(6 hours)**

No exam aids, except for dictionaries that have been approved beforehand to the Department of Sociology and Human Geography, are permitted.

Results will be posted on “Studentweb” on June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm.

This examination consists of **2 pages**, including this page.

The candidate must submit both the original and copy of their answers to the examination.

NB! Make sure the copy is legible.

The results are considered official upon publication (see above), and students are responsible for checking their result at this time.

**Remember to note down your examination number (kandidatnummer)** so that you have it when you check your result.

The candidate shall answer question 1 **and** question 2A **or** 2B. Question 1 counts 1/3 and question 2A or 2B 2/3 in the grading. The exam can be written in English or Norwegian

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### **QUESTION 1**

Outline and discuss briefly **three (3)** of the four following concepts:

- a. Family wage
- b. The gender equality paradox
- c. Confluent love
- d. Total fertility rate

### **QUESTION 2**

#### **EITHER:**

2A. Outline main changes in family formation in Norway/Nordic countries in recent decades. Discuss explanations and challenges arising from these changes.

#### **OR:**

2B. Outline main characteristics of contemporary Norwegian/Nordic parenthood policies. Discuss how policies may affect gender equality in the labour market and the family.