

## Oppgave A

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### **Essay - The European Marriage Market:**

Discuss how diseases, fertility, and marriage patterns affected the economic take-off in a historical context.

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### **Essay - Global income inequality**

What do we know about global income inequality? What is its pattern over the two hundred recent years? Present and discuss some possible explanations for this pattern.

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### **Essay - Comparative studies of incomes and inequality**

Discuss the evolution of income and wealth inequality across countries in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. What is the role of top incomes? What is the role of wars and conflicts?

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### **Essay - Factor price explanations for the Industrial Revolution**

Why did the industrial revolution take place in Europe rather in Asia -- and why in England rather than in France? What is the role of wages and of income inequality?

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### **Essay - Country-specific studies of inequality**

Discuss to what extent the historical evolution of income inequality is best understood, not in terms of an over-arching theory, but by studying episodes of rising and falling inequality, and the manifold forces in operation. Which country experiences can support your views?

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### **Essay - Big Theories**

Discuss the role of institutions, resources, and landownership for the so-called Great Divergence across countries. What is the role of inequality?

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### **Essay - Globalization, war, crisis, social organization**

Discuss the role of trade and international politics in the development of income inequality and society models in the first half of the twentieth century.