Written Exam for the B.Sc. or M.Sc. in Economics, Summer 2013

Economics of welfare

Final Exam/ Elective Course/ Master's Course

16 June 10:00 to 17 June 14:00 2013

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Please note that the language used in your exam paper must correspond to the language of the title for which you registered during exam registration. I.e. if you registered for the English title of the course, you must write your exam paper in English. Likewise, if you registered for the Danish title of the course or if you registered for the English title which was followed by "eksamen på dansk" in brackets, you must write your exam paper in Danish.

If you are in doubt about which title you registered for, please see the print of your exam registration from the students' self-service system.

The exam is a 28 hours take-home exam. The subject is publicized on the Copenhagen University Homepage. The subject is publicized on "Absalon" and your paper shall be uploaded at the same place as a pdf-file with the name "your exam numer followed by pdf", e.g. if you have exam number 536, you shall call your paper 536.pdf when you opload it. The exam paper may not exceed seven (7) pages and maximum one page annex. It is mandatory to fill out the front pages. Remember to provide your exam paper with exam number. Do not use your social security number (personal number) or name. These should never appear on your exam papers. The exam should be written individually and cannot be done in groups. And all questions must be answered. Please mark clearly in the text, what you submit as main text and what you submit as an annex. Please observe the university rules related to plagiarism. It is strictly forbidden to copy any kind of text without making proper and clear references. Failure to comply with the rules is dealt with according to the university disciplinary regulations, involving expulsions.

Focus on Exam Cheating

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 a limited period or permanent expulsion.

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Question 1

Provide an economic and social analysis of a social assistance reform (cash assistance, cash benefit). The analysis should take into account, that the reform reduces the level of cash assistance, compared to the minimum wage at the labor market.

The analysis must be assessed from the, utilitarian's, democratic socialists and libertarians' point of view.

Question 2

Based on the DREAM report provide an assessment of the social and economic impact of the recent SU-reform (Students living stipends). The reform implies: lower support for students living at home, the need for earlier completion of the studies and better opportunities to earn income while they study.

Both questions must be answered