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**Course name:** The Economics of Discrimination  
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**Examination time:** 3 hours (09:00-12:00)

**Write your identification number on each answer sheet (the number stated in the upper right hand corner on your exam cover).**

**Use separate answer sheets for each question. Turn in all of your answer sheets in one cover sheet.** Explain notions/concepts and symbols. If you think that a question is vaguely formulated, specify the conditions used for solving it. Only legible exams will be marked. **No aids are allowed.**

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The exam consists of 10 questions. Each question is worth 10 points, 100 points in total. For the grade E 45 points are required, for D 50 points, C 60 points, B 75 points and A 90 points.

If duly completed, a presentation credit will be added to your written examination score.

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Your results will be made available on your "My Studies" account ([www.mitt.su.se](http://www.mitt.su.se)) on February 1, 2013, at the latest.

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**Good luck!**

Please write your answer in 1-2 pages per question based on the reading list. Try to be concise.

Be clear about strengths and weaknesses of the methods and data used in the studies you refer to.

You are not expected to remember numbers and details. A general assessment of the results you mention is good enough.

Try to be clear about the purpose of the studies you mention and what can be said and not be said based on the research you refer to.

1- How is the concept of discrimination defined and used in the economic literature?

2- Give an overview of the Becker theory of Discrimination.

3- Give an overview of the theory of Statistical Discrimination.

4- Give a general description of three empirical methods used in Economic literature for assessing discrimination. Discuss strengths and limitations of each method.

5- Give a general overview of wage and employment gaps between foreign-born and natives in Sweden.

6- Give a general overview of average gender wage gap.

7- Give an overview of field and quasi (natural) experiments on gender.

8- Give an overview of field experiments on discrimination in the labor market.

9- Give an overview of field experiments on discrimination in housing market.

10- Give an overview of a study that is not covered in the questions above but is on the reading list.