Task 1

Question a)

Through for instance international peacekeeping operations and international peace negotiation Norway has built a reputation as a humanitarian power. Identify at least two examples of Norwegian “humanitarian power”, and discuss to which extent Norway is a humanitarian power.

Question b)

Describe central characteristics of the Norwegian party system as it can be observed today. Discuss the way in which historical cleavages have constituted the economical, territorial and cultural fundament for these political parties. How relevant are these historical cleavages in explaining the role of the parties today?
Task 2

Question a)
Account for characteristics and descriptions of the rural areas in Norway, and discuss different interpretations of the rural and urban.

Question b)
Account for the Norwegian parental leave, and explain the objectives of the fathers’ quota and the cash-for-care-system we have in Norway. Discuss whether these welfare rights may have an impact on gender equality.