

Examination task I

Challenges, change and my role

Actors and Strategies for Change - Towards Global Sustainabilities | Spring 2015

The purpose of this task is for you to:

- have an up-to-date, interdisciplinary understanding of the issues of sustainable development;
- give an account of, and be able to evaluate, the strategies, room to maneuver and limitations of different societal actors in striving toward a sustainable society;
- have reflected on your own role in the causes and solutions of issues of sustainable development.

Question 1: Sustainable Development

1 – 1,5 pages. Base your analysis on the assigned and optional readings in module I. Feel free to refer to other sources as well.

a) There are many different definitions of sustainable development. Choose one and describe it. Critically evaluate the definition by discussing its strengths and weaknesses.

b) What trends do you see happening in society that are most troubling? What trends in society do you find the most encouraging? Does your own life, and the way you live, contribute to these positive and/or negative trends? Elaborate!

Question 2: Theories of change

1 page. Base your analysis on Krznaric's article "How does Change Happen?". Feel free to refer to the other assigned and optional readings in module I, and other sources.

a) Using Roman Krznaric's analysis, what do you consider to be the dominating stories of change in society today? Give examples.

b) How do you understand change to happen? How is it similar or different to the dominating stories of change in society? Give examples to support your case.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Size: 12. Spacing: 1.5. Font: Times New Roman. Margins: 25mm
- All questions must be answered (max 2,5 pages)
- Write your name on top of every page
- Name the file in the following way: *firstname.lastname1* (ex : *john.galt1.doc*)
- Upload the file on the *File Area* entitled "*Examination Task I – Challenges, change and my role*" on Studentportalen
- **DEADLINE: Friday, February 13th, 23.59.**

REFERENCES

- Use the course literature and lectures to support your argument. Feel free to refer to other sources in addition to this.
- Make sure to make it very clear to the reader when you express your own ideas and opinions, and when you refer to sources and other people's opinions or research.
- Use the Harvard or Oxford Referencing System and include page numbers. Be sure to be consistent with which reference system you use!

GRADING CRITERIA:

Your paper will be judged on the following:

1. **Clarity**; the language must be clear, understandable and at a sufficiently high university standard. The questions must be entirely answered.
2. **Argumentation**; if argumentation is part of the assignment, the arguments must be relevant, important and adequate.
3. **Academic**; research methods and resources must be anchored in scientific and analytical sources.
4. **References**; references must be properly used and done according to the instructions above throughout the paper.