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**Final exam**

**NFI4100**

**Runology – General introduction**

**Autumn semester 2012**

Time: 30 November 9-13 (4 hours)

Place: Gymsal 4 Idrettsbygningen

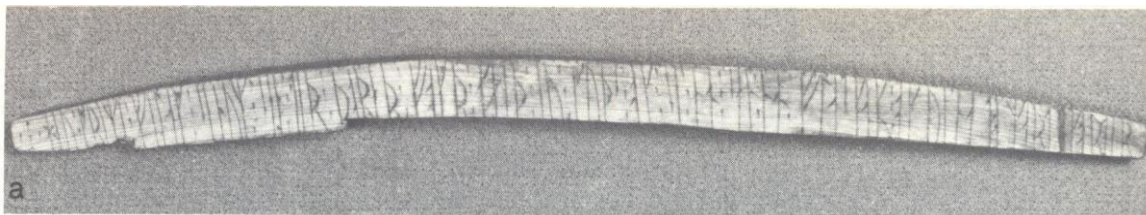
**The following dictionaries are allowed:**

Modern language ↔ English

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# All three questions must be answered

1. Inscription 1 (cf. attached photo). Transliterate and translate the inscription. Interpret the inscription with a focus on characters, language, subject matter, artefact, dating and function.
2. “The literate Vikings” - a contradiction in terms? To what extent might we say that the Vikings were “literate”? Discuss pro et contra (for and against) with reference to relevant runic material.
3. Runic script and Latin (Roman) script in the Scandinavian Middle Ages – overlapping entities or in complementary distribution (where one element is found in a particular environment the other element is found in an opposite environment)? Discuss with reference to the rune stick below.



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