

Exam paper: Runology NFI 4100

Autumn semester 2019

Please answer all three questions

You may use a modern language dictionary

You can give your answers in English or in a Nordic language

- 1) Transliterate the inscription below and determine which futhark it is written in. Comment on the rune forms and writing style. Give an approximate date for the inscription and set out any potential problems encountered in dating it. You do not need to give a normalisation or translation for this inscription.



2) Transliterate, normalise and translate the inscription below, give an approximate date and any further information you can gather from the inscription (rune forms, art style, writing style, etc.). Put this inscription into a wider context of historical developments at the time of its carving and discuss how it can serve as a historical source for its period.



3) Compare and contrast different scholarly theories about the transition from the Older to the Younger Futhark and discuss how the transition may relate to changes in language and society at the time. Give examples to illustrate your arguments. Use the images below as inspiration for your answer if you wish so.

