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## **Examination paper for BARN 3101 Social Studies of Children and Childhood**

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**Please answer one of the following two questions:**

1. The theoretical concept of agency is central in writings within social studies of children and childhood (sociology of childhood). Elaborate on the concept of agency and discuss this by using examples from child research.
2. Jens Qvortrup is a key scholar within social studies of children and childhood (sociology of childhood). He has pointed out that childhood can be understood both as permanent and changing. Elaborate on this point and discuss how viewing childhood as a social phenomenon contrasts to an individualistic approach.