

ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD
(Department of Mass Communication)

Course: Basic Concepts in Social Sciences-I (5637)
Units: 1-9 **Semester: Spring, 2014**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Assignments 1 and 2 cover units 1-5 and 6-9 and respectively.
2. Each assignment carries 100 marks.
3. Write the assignments in your own words.
4. Your answers should not be only based on the information given in the study guide rather these should be based on the suggested readings prescribed in each unit of the guide.

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This package comprises the following material:

1. Study Guide
2. Assignment 1 and 2
3. Assignment Form 2 sets
4. Schedule for submitting the assignments and attending tutorial meetings.

Note: If you find anything missing from the above mentioned material, kindly inform:

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Best of Luck

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WARNING

- 1. PLAGIARISM OR HIRING OF GHOST WRITER(S) FOR SOLVING THE ASSIGNMENT(S) WILL DEBAR THE STUDENT FROM AWARD OF DEGREE/CERTIFICATE, IF FOUND AT ANY STAGE.**
- 2. SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS BORROWED OR STOLEN FROM OTHER(S) AS ONE'S OWN WILL BE PENALIZED AS DEFINED IN "AIOU PLAGIARISM POLICY".**

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Level: M.Sc Total Marks: 100

ASSIGNMENT No. 1
(Units: 1-5)

- Q.1 Define Sociology and explain its various characteristics. Also elaborate major theoretical perspectives of Sociology. (20)
- Q.2 Explain the following terms of sociology: The cultural base and the Exponential Principle, Folkway and mores, Values, primary and Secondary Group, Social Structure and Socialization. (20)
- Q.3 Define the concept of social institution and explain the characteristics and functions of family as a social institution. Also elaborate the functions and importance of educational institution in social order. (20)
- Q.4 How religion is perceived by sociologists? Discuss its importance and functions for a society. (20)
- Q.5 Define social change and discuss different theories and agents of social change. (20)

ASSIGNMENT No. 2

(Units: 6-9) Total Marks: 100

- Q.1 Explain monetary system and discuss merits and demerits of different monetary system. Also define inflation and its root causes. (20)
- Q.2 Differentiate between balance of payment and balance of trade. Also highlight the objectives of International Monetary Fund. Do you think that IMF is working as controller to the economies of less developed countries? (20)
- Q.3 Explain the concept of Stock Market in detail. Also evaluate the role of Stock market in Pakistan. (20)
- Q.4 Point out various obstacles to economic development of Pakistan and also narrate the current status of Pakistan's economy. (20)
- Q.5 Identify the measurement of economic growth, its difficulties and utility in the development of an economy. (20)