

**ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD  
(Department of Sociology, Social Work & Population Studies)**

**Introduction to Sociology: Culture and Society (4681)**

**Level: M.Sc**

**Semester: Spring, 2014**

Dear Students,

1. The course comprises two assignments carrying 100 marks each.
2. Please write the assignments in your own words and do not copy from the books.
3. Typed assignments will not be accepted/ evaluated.
4. Try to give examples from your own social settings/environment.
5. Discuss the complex issues of the course with your tutor in the tutorial meetings.

**List of contents**

This course comprises the following materials

1. Study guide/s (One)
2. Text books/reader (One)
3. Assignments (Two)
4. Assignment forms (Two Sets)
5. Time table for assignments and tutorials

Course Coordinator

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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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**ASSIGNMENT No. 1**

**(Units 1–4)**

- Q.1 Define Sociology. Discuss its scope of studies and development over time. (25)
- Q.2 What do you mean by cultural variation? Describe the various factor of cultural variability. (25)
- Q.3 Define Society. What are different types of societies? Discuss with examples. (25)
- Q.4 Write note on following:
1. Elements of culture (12)
  2. Interaction in space and time. (13)

**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**

**(Units 5–9)**

- Q.1 Why are the primary and secondary groups important? Differentiate between formal and informal groups with examples. (25)
- Q.2 Do you think that socialization is possible without social agencies? If not, why. Discuss with examples. (25)
- Q.3 What is deviance? Elaborate the functions of deviance according to Emile Durkheim? (25)
- Q.4 Write note on following:
1. Basic qualities of caste system. (12)
  2. Poverty and its consequences. (13)