ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD
(Department of Agricultural Sciences)

Course: Research for Development (1795)   **Semester: Autumn, 2012**

Level: M.Sc. (Hons) Rural Development   **Total Marks: 100**

Pass Marks: 50

ASSIGNMENT No. 1

Note: All questions carry equal marks.

Q. 1   a)   What is research?

     b)   Consultation with communities – is it research? Explain.

     c)   Describe in detail two major research approaches.   **(20)**

Q. 2   a)   What is participatory research?

     b)   How much participation is appropriate?

     c)   Explain issues in participatory research.   **(20)**

Q. 3   How to ensure quality in Data-Gathering? Explain in detail.   **(20)**

Q. 4   a)   What is the process of writing the brief?

     b)   Define the research focus.

     c)   What to think about in writing a research brief?   **(20)**

Q. 5   a)   Who can do the research?

     b)   How to estimate costs and time scales?

     c)   Define and explain managing participatory research.   **(20)**

ASSIGNMENT No. 2

Total Marks: 100   **Pass Marks: 50**

Note: All questions carry equal marks.

Q. 1 What is already known in doing research for development? Making the most of existing information:
a)   Who to look?
b)   Where to look?   **(20)**

Q. 2 Write a detailed account on "Communication with respondents – The key to good research".   **(20)**

Q. 3 a)   What does quality in research mean?
b)   Describe Quality standards for research in development?
c)   Elaborate some key issues in research quality.   **(20)**

Q. 4 a)   What is Analysis?
b)   Explain the Methods of analysis.
c)   Describe the process of data analysis.
d)   Participation in the analysis process   **(20)**

Q. 5 Describe and explain Seven Key Research Techniques. Support your answer using the concepts explained in your text book.   **(20)**