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**(Department of Gender & Women Studies)**

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**Course: Perspectives on Gender Studies (4653)**

**Semester: Autumn, 2013**

**Level: M.Sc**

**Total Marks: 100**

**Pass Marks: 40**

**GUIDE LINE FOR PREPARING ASSIGNMENT**

- No copying. Student's critical opinion is required.
- Assignment is a take home test; you are free to use materials from internet, books and course books.
- Please understand the question and write in your own words by arranging your answer with an introduction, main discussion with sub topics and conclusion.
- Typed assignments are not accepted. If reference of other research is being quoted, it should be properly acknowledged.

**ASSIGNMENT No. 1**

**(Units: 1-5)**

- Q.1 Write short notes on the following:
- a) Cognitive Theories
  - b) Bem's Theory of Gender Formation
- Q.2 For division of labour in the society there are 'sex-role plans'. How would you explain in Pakistani society? Explain with examples.
- Q.3 What is meant by diversity in feminism?
- Q.4 What is the importance of Gender and Women Studies discipline in Social Sciences?
- Q.5 Explain the following:
- a) Sexism in Language.
  - b) Theory of Biological Determinism.

**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**

**(Units: 6-9)**

**Total Marks: 100**

**Pass Marks: 40**

- Q.1 How would you define feminist methodology? Explain with examples.
- Q.2 What are the reasons for women's oppression according to Marx and Engels?
- Q.3 All the religions depict women's role as, oppressive subservient and self sacrificing, what is your opinion about Hinduism?
- Q.4 Define knowledge. What is positivist view of knowledge?
- Q.5 Describe the following:
- a) Feminist Epistemology
  - b) Feminist Research