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Course: Political Parties and Pressure Groups in Pakistan (545)

Level: MSc

Semester: Spring, 2013

Total Marks: 100

Pass Marks: 40

ASSIGNMENT No. 1
(Unit 1–5)

- Q.1 How do political parties reconcile diverse demands from heterogeneous groups? Discuss the ways and suggest possible improvements. (20)
- Q.2 Make a comparative analysis of party organization and pressure group organization and explain with arguments which one is better. (20)
- Q.3 Critically analyze the role of charismatic leadership in making a political party effective? (20)
- Q.4 Discuss the role of political parties in development. In your views which type of party is more like to boost the pace of development? (20)
- Q.5 Evaluate multi-party system with reference to establishment of political stability. (20)

ASSIGNMENT No. 2

(Unit 6–9)

Total Marks: 100

- Q.1 Make a critical evaluation of party system in Pakistan with special focus on Zardari era (2008 to 2012). (20)
- Q.2 Critically analyze the strength and weaknesses of Pakistan Muslim League (N) and its performance during Musharraf era (1999 to 2008). (20)
- Q.3 Discuss the role of Jamat-i-Islami as an effective opposition in Pakistan. (20)
- Q.4 Analyze the politics of alliances during first Benazir Bhutto government (88-90) and first Nawaz Sharif government (90-93). (20)
- Q.5 Discuss the role of pressure groups in Pakistan. In your opinion which pressure group has proved to be more effective in Pakistan and how it has been effective? (20)