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**(Department of Sociology)**

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1. **PLAGIARISM OR HIRING OF GHOST WRITER(S) FOR SOLVING THE ASSIGNMENT(S) WILL DEBAR THE STUDENT FROM THE AWARD OF DEGREE/CERTIFICATE, IF FOUND AT ANY STAGE.**
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## Course: Conflict Resolution (9601) Semester: Spring, 2025

## Level: PGD

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## Please read the following instructions for writing your assignments. (AD, BS, B. Ed, MA/MSc, MEd) (ODL Mode).

1. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks but within a question the marks are distributed according to its requirements.

2. Read the question carefully and then answer it according to the requirements of the questions.

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4. Handwritten scanned assignments are not acceptable.

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## Total Marks: 100 Pass Marks: 50

**ASSIGNMENT No. 1**

**(Units 1–4)**

Q.1 Explain with examples how conflict and conflict management are viewed in the traditional, human relations, functionalist and interactionist perspective.  **(20)**

Q.2 What is meant by ‘Power Conflict’? How does an imbalance of powers become a source of real conflicts? **(20)**

Q.3 Define deep-rooted conflicts and intrapersonal conflicts with suitable examples in their various manifestations. On what basis do these conflicts occur? How can these conflicts be resolved? **(20)**

Q.4 How do people deal with conflicts? Which conflict handling techniques or strategies are successful at defusing conflict, and which are inappropriate? **(20)**

Q.5 Discuss the 5 different conflict handling techniques with examples. How do the dimensions of assertiveness and cooperativeness affect the strategies for conflict handling and management? **(20)**

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

**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**

**(Units 5–9)**

Q.1 Explain with examples how the use of force plays a role in ending a conflict. Also, discuss the merits and demerits of this approach. **(20)**

Q.2 What is meant by arbitration? How does it prove to be an important strategy for conflict resolution? Also, discuss the similarities and differences between court-based adjudication and arbitration as strategies for conflict resolution. **(20)**

Q.3 Write a detailed note on the Kashmir Conflict. **(20)**

Q.4 How does inequitable allocation of economic resources result in the form of ethnic conflicts? Discuss in the context of Pakistan’s scenario. What solutions would you suggest? **(20)**

Q.5 What is terrorism? Discuss the efforts made by several countries and organizations in defining terrorism. Why has it always been difficult to come up with a unanimously agreed definition of terrorism? **(20)**