ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD

**(Department of Mass Communication)**

**Course: Basic Concepts in Social Sciences - Part–I (9275) Semester: Spring, 2025**

**Level: BS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Each assignment carries 100 marks.

2. Write the assignments in your own words.

3. Your answers should not be only based on the information given in the study guide rather these should be based on the suggested readings prescribed in each unit of the guide.

Best of Luck

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**WARNING**

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.**
2. **SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS BORROWED OR STOLEN FROM OTHER(S) AS ONE’S OWN WILL BE PENALIZED AS DEFINED IN THE “AIOU PLAGIARISM POLICY”.**

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## Please read the following instructions for writing your assignments.

## (AD, BS, BEd, 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.

3. Avoid irrelevant discussion/information and reproducing from books, study guide or allied material.

4. Hand-written scanned assignments are not acceptable.

5. Upload your typed (in Word or PDF format) assignments on or before the due date.

6. Your own analysis and synthesis will be appreciated.

7. Late submission of assignments will not be accepted.

## 8. The students who attempt their assignments in Urdu/Arabic may upload a scanned copy of their hand written assignments (in PDF format) on University LMS. The size of the file should not exceed 5MB.

**ASSIGNMENT No. 1**

**(Units: 1-5)**

## Total Marks: 100 Pass Marks: 50

Q.1 Discuss the key characteristics of Sociology and justify its classification as a scientific discipline. (20)

Q.2 Elaborate the functions and importance of educational institutions in the social order. (20)

Q.3 Analyse the significance of culture and differentiate it from society. (20)

Q.4 Explain the theories of social change with suitable examples. (20)

Q.5 Provide a comprehensive analysis of the concepts of authority and the state. (20)

**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**

**(Units: 6-9)**

## Total Marks: 100 Pass Marks: 50

Q.1 Examine the role of the stock market in enhancing a country's economy. (20)

Q.2 What are the main causes of inflation in Pakistan and how we can control it? (20)

Q.3 Analyse the key obstacles to economic development in Pakistan. (20)

Q.4 Discuss in detail the balance of payment and balance of trade. (20)

Q.5 Analyse the banking system in Pakistan and its potential role in reducing socio-economic inequality. (20)