Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad

(Department of Economics)

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

Course: Development Economics (9315) Semester: Spring, 2025

Level: BS Economics

**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 answer it according to the requirements of the question.
3. Avoid irrelevant discussion/information and reproducing from books, study guides 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 analysis and synthesis will be appreciated.
7. Late assignments can’t be uploaded at LMS.
8. The students who attempt their assignments in Urdu/Arabic may upload a scanned copy of the handwritten assignments (in PDF format) on University LMS. The size of the file should not exceed 5MB.

Total Marks: 100 Pass Marks: 50

**Assignment No. 01**

**(Unit 1-5)**

**Note: Attempt all questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

Q.1 Discuss the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and why they were needed. **(20)**

Q.2 Examine the significance of the Human Development Index (HDI) in evaluating the overall development of any country. **(20)**

Q.3 Discuss the role of the capital-output ratio in the Harrod- Domar model and its implications for growth. **(20)**

Q.4 Explain the extent and magnitude of absolute poverty? Also, discuss the economic characteristics of high-poverty groups. **(20)**

Q.5 Discuss the factors that contribute to the transition between different demographic stages. **(20)**

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

**Assignment No. 02**

**(Unit 6-9)**

**Note: Attempt all questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

Q.1 How does child labour affect economic growth? Explain in what ways child labour is evil. **(20)**

Q.2 Describe the challenges faced by developing nations regarding the agrarian sector. **(20)**

Q.3 Critically discuss the policy options available to developing and developed nations regarding the environmental degradation problem. **(20)**

Q.4 How does the level of industrialization impact a country's ability to compete in the global economy? **(20)**

Q.5 Explain the concept of overexploitation in the context of commonly owned resources. **(20)**