# **ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD**

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

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**Course: Women and Development (9161) Semester: Spring, 2025**

**Level: BS Credit Hours: 03**

## 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.

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

4. Handwritten 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 assignments can’t be uploaded at LMS.

8. The students who attempt their assignments in Urdu/Arabic may upload a scanned copy of their 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. 1**

**(Units 1–5)**

**Q.1** What are the socio-cultural and economic obstacles that Pakistani women encounter in their pursuit of education, and how do these challenges impact their access to learning opportunities? **(20)**

**Q.2** Explore the phenomenon of economic dualism and discuss how gender-based occupational segregation manifests in Pakistan’s labor market. **(20)**

**Q.3** Identify the factors limiting female employment growth in Pakistan and propose actionable solutions to enhance women's participation in the workforce. **(20)**

**Q.4** Describe the main features of the Orangi Pilot Project (OPP) and evaluate how it has contributed to the empowerment of marginalized urban women.

**Q.5** Write notes on the following topics: **(20)**  
a) Differences in social status between working and non-working women  
b) The concept of Identity Empowerment Theory

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

**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**

**(Units 6–9)**

**Q.1** In what ways has the introduction of new technologies negatively affected the lives of women in rural areas? Provide explanations and examples to support your response. **(20)**

**Q.2** What are the roles that the media plays in society, and how can it be leveraged to promote the development of women in particular? **(20)**

**Q.3** How do environmental issues specifically affect women, and why is it crucial to include women in efforts to address environmental challenges? **(20)**

**Q.4** Define the concept of Peace Feminism. Also, explore why women are disproportionately vulnerable during wartime. **(20)**

**Q.5** Write notes on the following: **(20)**  
a) Women’s contributions to food chain activities  
b) Barriers to recognizing women as agents of change in rural development