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**Faculty of Social Sciences**

**(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: Introduction to Sociology (8228) 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.

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.

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## Total Marks: 100 Pass Marks: 50

**ASSIGNMENT No. 1**

**(Units 1–4)**

Q.1 What do you mean by “Social Change”? Discuss in detail the three processes of social change explained by William Ogburn with suitable examples. **(20)**

Q.2 What is population? Explain the three main factors affecting Population growth. **(20)**

Q.3 What do you understand by the term “Mass Communication”? Which one of the three electronic media (radio, TV, internet) do you think has the greatest effect on social change? Justify your stance. **(20)**

Q.4 What do you understand by the term “development”? Explain the Modernization Theory as presented by Ferdinand Tonnies and Emile Durkheim. **(20)**

Q.5 What is “urbanization”? Also, discuss some important push and pull factors affecting the process of urbanization. **(20)**

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

**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**

**(Units 5–9)**

Q.1 Define social institutions and also describe the characteristics of five basic social institutions found in all complex societies. **(20)**

Q.2 Differentiate between patriarchy and matriarchy. Which one would you prefer, and why? **(20)**

Q.3 According to Max Weber, religion is a source of change. Discus **(20)**

Q.4 Education is an agency of secondary socialization. What does this mean'? **(20)**

Q.5 Discuss the three forms of government with a reference to their capacity for allowing social change.  **(20)**