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 **(Department of Sociology)**

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## Course: Social Change and Social Institutions (9444) Semester: Spring, 2025

## Level: BS

## 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.

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## Total Marks: 100 Pass Marks: 50

**ASSIGNMENT No. 1**

**(Units: 10–13)**

Q. 1 Discuss how technology has impacted social change in modern societies. What role do the Internet, social media, and digital technologies play in reshaping social relations, political movements, and cultural expressions? How do technological advancements influence social change in both developed and developing countries? **(20)**

Q. 2 Define mass communication and explain its significance in contemporary society. How has the role of mass communication evolved over time with advancements in technology? Discuss the key functions mass communication serves in society today. **(20)**

Q. 3 Define **development** in the context of global society. How do social, economic, and political factors influence the development processes in different societies? Discuss the differences between **economic development and human development.** **(20)**

Q. 4 How does social change, such as shifts in gender roles, education, and family structures, contribute to the demographic transition? Discuss how changes in women's rights, family planning, and urban lifestyles affect birth rates.  **(20)**

Q. 5Write notes on the following: **(10+10)**

i. Theories of Modernization

ii. World-Systems Theory

## Total Marks: 100 Pass Marks: 50

**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**

**(Units: 14–18)**

Q. 1 Social institutions are organized structures or systems within society that fulfill essential societal functions and provide stability. Elaborate the statement. **(20)**

Q. 2 The family is a fundamental social institution that is responsible for the reproduction, socialization, and nurturing of children. It is also a source of emotional support and care for individuals. Examine how family institution in Pakistan going through different changes. **(20)**

Q. 3 Define religion and explain its key functions in society. How do religions provide meaning and purpose to individuals, and how do they contribute to the cohesion and stability of social groups? **(20)**

Q. 4 An education institution is an organized structure where teaching, learning, and intellectual development occur. It is a formal system designed to impart knowledge, skills, values, and cultural norms to individuals. Analyze the specific context of education institution in Pakistan. **(20)**

Q. 5Discuss the different theoretical perspectives on political institutions, including the functionalist, conflict, and symbolic interactionist approaches. How do these perspectives view the role of political institutions in society? **(20)**

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