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(Department of Gender & Women Studies)

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Course: Gender, Policy and Planning

Level: BS

Total Marks:100

Code: 9178

Semester: Autumn, 2025

Pass Marks:50

ASSIGNMENT No. 1

(Units 1-5)

Note: Attempt all questions.

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| Q.1 | What social, cultural, and institutional factors make it difficult for women in Pakistan to access justice and legal remedies? Discuss in the light of feminist theories to highlight systemic barriers. | (20) |
| Q.2 | Why are gender-specific laws essential in Pakistan, and how do they support women’s rights in the workforce? List and briefly explain major laws such as the Protection Against Harassment Act, Maternity Benefits Act, and others. | (20) |
| Q.3 | In what ways does the lack of access to legal aid and representation in politics impact women’s ability to claim their rights in Pakistan? Analyze how economic and geographic factors further widen the justice gap. | (20) |
| Q.4 | How do special regulations for women contribute to achieving gender equity in Pakistan’s development planning? Examine the role of such laws in improving social and economic outcomes. | (20) |

- Q.5 What legal and policy reforms for health are needed to ensure that women in Pakistan can participate fully and safely in public and professional life? (20)
Provide suggestions based on gaps in current laws and their enforcement.

ASSIGNMENT No. 2
(Units 6-9)

Total Marks: 100

Pass Marks: 50

Note: Attempt all questions.

- Q.1 Evaluate the impact of different types and modes of policies on gender inclusion in Pakistan. Which approach has been the most effective? (20)
- Q.2 Assess the role of the policy cycle and process in mainstreaming gender considerations. What barriers exist in implementing gender-sensitive policies? (20)
- Q.3 Examine the historical evolution of human rights in relation to gender equality. How has the international human rights framework influenced gender policies in Pakistan? (20)
- Q.4 Critically assess the accessibility and feasibility of primary healthcare for women in urban Pakistan. How do gender barriers impact health outcomes? (20)
- Q.5 Why is it hard for women in Pakistan to get justice? Give reasons with real-life examples. (20)