

**ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD**  
**(Department of Mass Communication)**

**Course: Basic Concepts in Social Sciences-II (9276)**  
**Semester: Autumn, 2025**

**Level: BS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Each assignment carries 100 marks.
2. Write the assignments in your own words.
3. Since the nature of questions in the assignment requires you to be more analytical therefore, supplement the material of the study guide with information from other suggested readings. Some of the questions require the use of examples from a Pakistani perspective/setting. So, do not simply rehash material from the study guide verbatim, but rely on synthesizing materials from different units of the study guide in your own language.

Best of Luck

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**WARNING**

1. **PLAGIARISM OR HIRING OF GHOST WRITER(S) FOR SOLVING THE ASSIGNMENT(S) WILL DEBAR THE STUDENT FROM AWARD OF DEGREE/CERTIFICATE, IF FOUND AT ANY STAGE.**
2. **SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS BORROWED OR STOLEN FROM OTHER(S) AS ONE'S OWN WILL BE PENALIZED AS DEFINED IN "AIOU PLAGIARISM POLICY".**

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**Please read the following instructions for writing your assignments.**  
**(AD, BS, BEd, 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. 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 own analysis and synthesis will be appreciated.
7. Late submission of assignments will not be accepted.
8. The students who attempt their assignments in Urdu/Arabic may upload a scanned copy of their hand written 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 10–14)**

- Q.1 Critically examine how attitudes are shaped and transformed by social influences, including media, peer groups, and authority figures. Discuss the distinctions and interactions between attitude and behaviour. (20)
- Q.2 Elaborate on the concept of social roles with reference to their emergence, negotiation, and transformation across different social contexts. How does role theory explain individual behaviour in groups? (20)
- Q.3 Evaluate the theoretical foundations of collective behaviour, highlighting the role of social norms, anonymity, and emotional contagion in mass actions such as protests and crowds. (20)

- Q.4 Compare and contrast various social psychological theories, focusing on how they explain identity formation, group dynamics, and interpersonal relationships in contemporary societies. (20)
- Q.5 Discuss the dynamics of conformity and deviance. How does the Social Learning Approach explain the acquisition of social norms and behaviours in different environments? (20)

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**Pass Marks: 50**

**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**  
**(Units 15–18)**

- Q.1 Critically evaluate the concept of Sovereignty and discuss its interpretation in Islamic political thought. (20)
- Q.2 Discuss the essential features and various types of Democracy, including the prerequisites for its successful functioning. (20)
- Q.3 Define the State and examine its fundamental elements. How do different forms of government reflect these elements? (20)
- Q.4 Analyse the role, composition, and powers of the Parliament of Pakistan, with reference to its effectiveness in democratic governance. (20)
- Q.5 Examine the electoral process in Pakistan, highlighting the role and challenges of political parties in ensuring fair representation. (20)