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**Course: Minorities and Human Rights in Pakistan (9369)**

**Semester: Autumn, 2025**

**Level: BS**

**Please read the following instructions for writing your assignments. (AD, BS, BEd, MA/MSc, MEd, MPhil, and PhD)**

1. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks, but within a question, the marks are distributed according to their requirements.
2. Read the question carefully and then answer it according to the requirements of the question.
3. Handwritten scanned assignments are not acceptable.
4. Upload your typed (in Word or PDF format) assignments on or before the due date.
5. Late assignments can't be uploaded to LMS.
6. Your own analysis and synthesis will be appreciated.
7. Avoid irrelevant discussion/information and reproducing from books, study guides, or allied materials.

**Total Marks: 100**

**Pass Marks: 50**

**ASSIGNMENT No. 1**  
**(Units 1-4)**

**Q.1:** Examine the evolution of human rights in societies and evaluate the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and relevant international organizations. (20)

**Q.2:** Analyze the key features of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and assess how the 1973 Constitution of Pakistan protects and implements these human rights. (20)

**Q.3:** Explain the concept of the 'Rule of Law' and evaluate the role of an independent judiciary in safeguarding human rights. (20)

**Q.4:** Analyze the concept of gender inequality, its impact on education, and provide examples that illustrate its prevalence in Pakistani society. (20)

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

- (i) Economic Disparities
- (ii) Role of Civil Society Regarding Protection of Non-Muslims' Rights

**Total Marks: 100**

**Pass Marks: 50**

**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**  
**(Units 5–9)**

**Q.1:** Discuss the fundamental issues of child abuse in Pakistan and evaluate the legislative measures implemented by the government to protect children's rights. (20)

**Q.2:** Analyze the legal and social discrimination faced by non-Muslim citizens in Pakistan and assess the factors that undermine national harmony and cohesion. (20)

**Q.3:** Examine the role of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) in protecting human rights and evaluate its functioning and effectiveness. (20)

**Q.4:** Explain the contributions of religious minorities to the social and cultural development of Pakistan. (20)

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

- (i) Political issues of non-Muslims in Pakistan
- (ii) NGOs Working for Minorities' Rights