

# **Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad**

## **(Department of Sociology)**

Course Title: Crime Investigation

Semester: Autumn 2025

Course Code: 9606

Level: Postgraduate/ PGD

Dear students,

1. The course carries two assignments carrying 100 marks each.
2. Please write the assignments in your own words and do not copy from the books.
3. Only typed assignments (in MS Word or PDF format) will be accepted/ evaluated.
4. Try to give examples from your own social settings.
5. Discuss the complex issues of the course with your tutor in the tutorial meetings.

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This course comprises the following materials.

1. Study guide/s (One)
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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 ASSIGNMENT(S) BORROWED OR STOLEN FROM OTHER(S) AS ONE'S OWN WILL BE PENALIZED AS DEFINED IN "AIOU PLAGIARISM POLICY".**

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**ASSIGNMENT No. 1**  
**(Unit No.01-04)**

**Q.No.1:** Criminal investigation requires a methodical approach to ensure evidence is preserved and the truth is uncovered. Discuss the objectives of a criminal investigation and explain how systematic planning enhances the effectiveness of the process. (20)

**Q.No.2:** The preliminary investigation lays the groundwork for solving a case. Describe the key tasks undertaken during the preliminary phase and explain how these differ from the follow-up investigation. (20)

**Q.No.3:** Evidence serves as the backbone of criminal proceedings. Provide a detailed classification of physical, documentary, and testimonial evidence, and explain the legal and procedural requirements for their admissibility in court. (20)

**Q.No.4:** Witness interviews and suspect interrogations require skill and adherence to legal standards. Critically examine the differences between interviewing and interrogation, highlighting ethical considerations and potential challenges investigators face. (20)

**Q.No.5:** Write short notes on the following: (10+10)

- i. Importance of maintaining a chain of custody for evidence
- ii. Role of field notes and reports in criminal investigation

**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**  
**(Unit No.05-09)**

**Total Marks: 100**

**Pass Marks: 50**

**Q.No.1:** A prosecution report must provide a comprehensive, clear, and factual account of the investigation. Discuss the essential components of an effective prosecution report and explain how inaccuracies can affect trial outcomes. (20)

**Q.No.2:** Crime scene reconstruction blends scientific methods with investigative reasoning. Explain the major stages of crime scene reconstruction and discuss how it assists in presenting a logical narrative in court. (20)

**Q.No.3:** Different types of forensic evidence contribute uniquely to criminal cases. Discuss the role of forensic disciplines such as ballistics, DNA analysis, and digital forensics in solving crimes, using relevant examples. (20)

**Q.No.4:** Forensic psychology bridges law enforcement and behavioral science. Explain the contributions of forensic psychology to criminal profiling, witness assessment, and interrogation strategies. (20)

**Q.No.5:** Write short notes on the following: (10+10)

- i. Investigative approaches in cybercrime cases
- ii. Best practices for handling and documenting sensitive victim statements