

# **Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad**

## **(Department of Sociology)**

Course Title: Principles of Rural Sociology-I

Semester: Spring,2025

Course Code: 2500

Level: Postgraduate/ M. Sc Forestry Extension

Dear students,

- 1) The course carries two assignments carrying 100 marks.
- 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.

### **List of Contents**

This course comprises the following materials.

- 1) Study guide/s (One)
- 2) Assignments (two)
- 3) Assignment forms (two sets)
- 4) Assignments / Tutorials Schedule

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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**  
**(Units No.01-04)**

**Q.No.1:** Discuss the rise and development of rural sociology as a scientific discipline. Mention key milestones. (20)

**Q.No.2:** Compare and contrast rural and urban communities with respect to occupation, population density, and environment. (20)

**Q.No.3:** Analyze the vital processes affecting the size, distribution, and characteristics of the rural population in Pakistan. (20)

**Q.No.4:** Describe the factors, forces, and consequences of rural-urban migration. What are its implications for rural development? (20)

**Q.No.5:** Explain the significance of applying scientific methods in rural sociology. How does it differ from common-sense understanding? (20)

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

**Total Marks: 100**

**Pass Marks: 40**

**Q.No.1:** Define and distinguish between the major forms of rural settlement. Discuss their social and economic implications. (20)

**Q.No.2:** Discuss the social significance of land division and its impact on rural society. Include examples from Pakistan. (20)

**Q.No.3:** Examine the major classes of farm operators and laborers in Pakistan. How do they influence rural development? (20)

**Q.No.4:** Explain the difference between the size of estates and the size of farms. Why is this distinction important in agricultural sociology? (20)

**Q.No.5:** Compare rudimentary plow culture, advanced plow culture, and mechanized farming with respect to productivity and standard of living. (20)

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