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(Department of Gender & Women Studies)

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Course: Pakistani Perspectives of Gender Studies 4654/9163

Level: BS/MSc Semester: Spring, 2026

Total Marks: 100 Pass Marks: 50

ASSIGNMENT No. 1

(Units 1-5)

Note: Attempt all questions.

Q.1	Critically analyze the historical development and institutionalization of Gender Studies as an academic discipline within Pakistani universities, highlighting the structural challenges faced.	(20)
Q.2	Examine how social construction of gender roles within Pakistani households defines public versus private spheres and limits economic agency for women.	(20)
Q.3	Trace the evolution of the Pakistani Women's Movement across major historical eras. How did different political environments shape the strategies of advocacy organizations?	(20)

Q.4	Discuss the structural issues and systemic barriers facing girl's education in rural Pakistan. What policy interventions can effectively eliminate this disparity?	(20)
Q.5	Analyze the gender gap in formal economic sectors and employment within Pakistan. What role does unpaid care work play in impeding female labor force participation?	(20)

ASSIGNMENT No. 2

(Units 6-9)

Note: Attempt all questions.

Q.1	Evaluate how constitutional rights and national statutory legal provisions protect female equality in Pakistan. Where do major discrepancies persist between legal doctrine and societal implementation?	(20)
Q.2	Deconstruct the representation of women across both traditional and modern mass communication channels in Pakistan. How do these media spaces challenge or preserve patriarchal archetypes?	(20)
Q.3	Analyze health indicators and political presentation metrics among Pakistani women. What factors restrict health equity and direct local legislative participation for women?	(20)
Q.4	Examine how institutionalized social militarization and structural geopolitical factors create distinct human security hazards and economic burdens specifically for marginalized women.	(20)
Q.5	Critically review the findings and concrete societal impact of the landmark 1997 'Report of the Commission of Inquiry for Women' regarding systemic domestic and societal violence.	(20)