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(Department of History)

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Course: Pakistan and World Affairs: Issues and Challenges (9199)

Semester: Spring, 2026

Level: BS History

Total Marks: 100

Pass Marks: 45

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.
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4. Hand-written scanned assignments are not acceptable.
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6. Your own analysis and synthesis will be appreciated.
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ASSIGNMENT No. 1

(Units: 1–4)

- Q. No. 1.** Assess whether Pakistan's geography has been more of a blessing or a disadvantage in determining its regional and global role. (25)
- Q. No. 2.** Explain the principles and objectives of Pakistan's foreign policy. Analyze how internal and external determinants interact in foreign policy formulation. (25)
- Q. No. 3.** Examine Pakistan's role as a frontline state during the Cold War and the Afghan conflict. How did this role affect its relations with the United States and the Soviet Union/Russia? (25)
- Q. No. 4.** What are the strategic implications of Pakistan's relationships with major powers and on its foreign policy objectives, regional influence, and National Security, and how do alliances impact the geopolitical landscape of South Asia? (25)

ASSIGNMENT No. 2

(Units: 5–9)

Total Marks: 100

Pass Marks: 40

- Q. No. 1.** Assess Pakistan's relations with South Asia and South East Asia. To what extent have regional organizations and bilateral disputes limited cooperation? (25)
- Q. No. 2.** Explain the Kashmir dispute in the light of United Nations Security Council resolutions and the Composite Dialogue process. (25)
- Q. No. 3.** Evaluate Pakistan's role during the Afghan jihad (1979–1990). How did this phase affect Pakistan's internal security and foreign relations? (25)
- Q. No. 4.** Analyze Pakistan's participation in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). How effective has the OIC been in addressing Muslim world issues? (25)