

**ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD
(Department of Sociology, Social Work & Population Studies)**

Population Studies (4684)

Level: M.Sc

Semester: Spring, 2014

Dear Students,

1. The course comprises two assignments carrying 100 marks each.
2. Please write the assignments in your own words and do not copy from the books.
3. Typed assignments will not be accepted/ evaluated.
4. Try to give examples from your own social settings/environment.
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. Text books/reader (One)
3. Assignments (Two)
4. Assignment forms (Two Sets)
5. Time table for assignments and tutorials

Course Coordinator

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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 ASSIGNMENTS 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 1–4)

- Q.1 What is nature and scope of demography? Why it is important for Sociologists to study demography? (25)
- Q.2 What are different techniques for collection of demographic data in a country? How census data can be used for the purpose of development planning? (25)
- Q.3 Briefly describe the different theories of population growth. Discuss demographic transition theory with reference to fertility transition in Pakistan. (25)
- Q.4 What is relationship of population growth with the availability of resources? Discuss with reference to Malthusian and Marxist perspectives. (12+13)

ASSIGNMENT No. 2

(Units 5–9)

Total Marks: 100

- Q.1 Discuss different measures of demography. How can we calculate the growth rate and the sex ratio of a country? (25)
- Q.2 What are Population Pyramids? How age and sex structure is important for development of a society? (25)
- Q.3 What are the different effects of population growth? Discuss with reference to education and health situation of Pakistan. (25)
- Q.4 Write short note on the following:
- i) Fertility and Fecundity (12)
 - ii) Role of education in fertility decline (13)