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Course: Political Parties and Pressure Groups in Pakistan (545)

Level: M.Sc.

Semester: Spring, 2014

Total Marks: 100

Pass Marks: 40

ASSIGNMENT No. 1

(Units 1-4)

- Q.1 What is a political party in real parliamentary sense? How many of the political parties in Pakistan meet the characteristics of a political party in real parliamentary sense? Critically analyze all the major political parties in this sense. (20)
- Q.2 What are the important characteristics of a pressure group? Discuss the prominent pressure groups in Pakistan and their role in political domain. (20)
- Q.3 Discuss the role of political parties in political stability. Do you think that the political parties in Pakistan have succeeded to bring about political stability? Elaborate your point of view with cogent arguments. (20)
- Q.4 Discuss in detail the pros and cons of two party system. (20)
- Q.5 Critically analyze the term party strength. Write a comprehensive essay on the ways alliances and coalitions affect the party strength. (20)

ASSIGNMENT No. 2

(Units 5-9)

Total Marks: 100

- Q.1 Discuss in detail the obstacles created by Ayub Khan Regime in the way of political parties and how had the political parties manage to overcome those obstacles. (20)

- Q.2 Elaborate the measures undertaken by Z.A. Bhutto for the development and growth of political parties. Do you agree/disagree that his personality and policies inculcated a democratic sense in political parties keeping in view his dominance of PPP? (20)
- Q.3 Critically analyze the performance of Pakistan Peoples Party as an effective political party during Zia Regime. (20)
- Q.4 Write an essay on the politics of alliances and coalitions during Musharraf Regime. (20)
- Q.5 Make a critical analysis of MQM as a political party and as a pressure group since its establishment. (20)