

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

Sociological Theory-I (4682)

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 (Two)
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 a theory? Please explain the importance and structure of sociological theory. (25)
- Q.2 What is Structural Functionalism? Critically elaborate the organismic analogy of Herbert Spencer. (25)
- Q.3 Explain the Talcott Parsons image of social organization with reference to his AGIL scheme. (25)
- Q.4 Discuss the role of Emile Durkheim as a functionalist theorist. How his work was different from Comte and Spencer? (12+13)

ASSIGNMENT No. 2

(Units 5–9)

Total Marks: 100

- Q.1 Describe in detail the conflict theory of Karl Marx with examples from your society. (25)
- Q.2 Explain the Dahrendorf's image of social order. How conflict perspective of Dahrendorf is different from the approach of Karl Marx. (25)
- Q.3 Describe the basic features of Exchange Theory. Elaborate the basic difference between exchange theory of Homan's and Blau. (25)
- Q.4 What is Social Action? How Social Action could be explained as per approach of Max Weber? (12+13)