

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

Methods of Social Research-I (4683)

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 Define and differentiate between scientific and non – scientific ways of getting knowledge. (25)
- Q.2 What is a variable? Discuss the various kinds of variables with examples. (25)
- Q.3 What do you mean by focusing on a research question? Discuss the process of narrowing down a question with examples. (25)
- Q.4 Write note on following:
1. How to review is arranged? (12)
 2. Various sources of review of literature (13)

ASSIGNMENT No. 2

(Units 5–9)

Total Marks: 100

- Q.1 Write comprehensive note on researching on web and its strengths and weaknesses. (25)
- Q.2 Define Hypothesis. Discuss the characteristics of a workable hypothesis with examples. (25)
- Q.3 Define sample. Discuss different types of sampling techniques in detail. (25)
- Q.4 Write note on following:
1. Qualitative Research (12)
 2. Study Design (13)