**Assignment**

**Introduction to Sociology**

* Study and explore the topic with respect to your locality.
* Discuss the issue, its causes and its impacts on our society.
* Suggest some possible solutions on your end that can add to minimize the issue.

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**POVERTY**

Poverty can be formally defined as the state or standard of life in which ***individual lives*** on less than a specified ***per capita income*.**

**Causes of Poverty in Pakistan:**

**1) Unjust Distribution of Wealth:**

A large share of the national wealth is owned by a very small percentage of the population. This means that the poor become poor and richer become richer.

**2) Feudal System:**

Most of the land of the country is concentrated in the hands of the small feudal class; this leads them to live a life of poverty.

**3) Lack of Education:**

There is a lack of education in Pakistan. The lack of education is impediments that are keeping the poor from coming out of from poverty.

**4) Industrial Underdevelopment:**

Pakistan’s industrial sector is underdeveloped; this leads to the deepening of the problem of unemployment in the country with the resulting growth in the number of poor in the country.

**5) Unemployment:**

Majority of the people of Pakistan are underemployed as compared to their capacity. This cause is responsible for the growth of poverty.

**6) Reliance on Agriculture:**

Agriculture accounts for around 65% of the country’s labor force. Agriculture is underdeveloped so the people associated with it remain poor.

**IMPACT OF POVERTY:**

1) Because of poverty the poors are not capable of meeting their basic needs. So the people start stealing and looting and the country becomes lawless.

2) Because of poverty people cannot afford health facility.

3) Because of poverty people become mental patients and start drug abuse.

4) Because of the unrest in people there is no political strength in the country.

5) Many social evils emerge out of poverty.

**MEASURES FOR POVERTY ERADICATION**

**1) Education:**

The provision of quality of education to the nation must be among the top priorities of the state, as education is in true sense the key to progress. An educated person can his or her mental and physical abilities, which not help in getting employment but contributes in many ways to the social, economic and political development of Nation.

**2) Industrialization:**

The building of new industries and the rehabilitation of those lying in disuse by the government and the rich people will help to create new jobs, contributes to the growth of national wealth and reduce poverty.

**3) Agriculture Reforms:**

Government should implement the agriculture reforms on sound footing providing, ownership to the peasants. So that he may work whole heartedly for breaking loss his chains of poverty.

**4) Overseas Employment:**

The state should facilitate the employment of its citizens in other countries. It contributes to the growth of the national wealth and thus reduces poverty.

**5) Smuggling and Corruption:**

By eliminating Smuggling and bribery, the government can reduce inflation and thus reduce poverty.