**Assignment**

**Introduction to Sociology**

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* Choose any one of the given topics
* 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.
* Don’t copy from the net or from other source as it will be checked for plagiarism.
* Copy pasted assignment will be marked zero.
* The wordings should be your own.

The given topics are:

1. POPULATION GROWTH
2. POVERTY
3. CORRUPTION
4. CHILD LABOR
5. HUMAN RIGHTS
6. WOMEN RIGHTS
7. TRAFFIC RELTED ISSUES
8. SANITAION ISSUES
9. ILLITRACY
10. EXTREMISM

**ANSWER**

**CORRUPTION**

The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said;

**“Whoever adheres to my sunnah when my ummah is corrupt will have the reward of a martyr”.**

Corruption means the lack of integrity. It also means the use of a position of trust for dishonest gain. It is a desire to get rich by hook or by crook. Corruption is, in fact a universal problem. It has clung to mankind like a shadow. It is an incurable disease, having existed in all ages. As said by Jennifer Lawrence;

**“We need to tell each other our stories. We need to show that everyone – our neighbors, our families, our community leaders – everyone we know is touched by corruption”.**

**CAUSES:**

The reasons of corruption vary from country to country. In Pakistan, corruption is common **firstly** because it is a poor country. Every one tries to become rich by hoarding money by hook or by crook.

**Secondly**, the salaries of the civil servants are low as compared to the present price hike. It becomes very difficult for them to make both ends meet with these salaries. In order to lead a happy and luxurious life, they are tempted to receive bribe.

**Thirdly**, there is no strong opinion against corruption. Officials of different departments receive illegal money by giving them the name of commission. There is no check and balance in our country.

As in Quran;

**And when it is said to them, “Do not cause corruption on earth”. They say, “We are but reformers”.**

**Fourthly**, most of the people of our country are unemployed. Merit is totally ignored. Appointments and transfers are made purely on political considerations. Having a political party at their back, the officials make corruption without any fear in their hearts from any side. As in Quran;

**“And desire not corruption in the land. Indeed, Allah does not like the Corruptors”**

**IMPACTS:**

Corruption is the main cause of a downfall of nations. The survival of a country is in danger where corruption prevails. The spread of this evil creates disappointment and discontent in the people. It results in lawlessness in the country. In a society governed by corrupt officials, the whole system is impaired. The distinction between right and wrong disappears. In case of corruption in a country, the rich become wealthier while the condition of a poor become worse. As by Pope Francis, **“Corruption is paid by the poor”.** As a result, stealing, looting and killing become common. These practices pave the way for revolution and military takeover. As said by Joe Biden;

**“Corruption is a Cancer, a cancer that eats away at a citizen’s faith in democracy, diminishes the instinct for innovation and creativity”.**

**SOLUTIONS:**

Peter Eigen said;

**“People should be conscious that they can change a corrupt system”.**

In order to make Pakistan a prosperous country, corruption at all levels must be rooted out. We cannot bring an end to corruption unless motive or inducement of corruption is removed. As Padme Amidala said; **“there are still those of us who work to overcome corruption and believe it to be possible”.**

The government should be serious in eradicating this evil from the country. For this purpose, some practical steps should be taken. Anti-corruption Department should be made more effective. Factories and productive units should be established to provide job opportunities. If most of the members are employed, the burden on the head of the family will be less. Lastly, there should be law for the punishment of those who are found involved in corruption.

**We must fight corruption with determination. It is an evil based on the worship of money and it offends ISLAM and human dignity.**

As Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah said;

**“With faith, discipline and selfless devotion to duty, there is nothing worthwhile that you cannot achieve”.**