**CATEGORY SYSTEM FOR HEC RECOGNIZED (PAKISTANI) JOURNALS OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, ARTS & HUMANITIES AND BUSINESS EDUCATION**

All Pakistani journals of Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities and Business Education are categorized as W, X, Y & Z journals.

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• Verified by HEC that they meet all HEC journal criteria and have paper reviewed by at least one expert from an academically advanced country in the respective discipline. |
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• They meet all HEC journal criteria except review of each paper by at least one expert from an academically advanced country in the respective discipline. |
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• They meet all HEC journal criteria except.  
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  ii. Abstracted / Indexed Internationally by the HEC recognized Agency. |

**Utilization and Validity of Categories**

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