

**MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)  
ASSIGNMENT FOR JULY 2024**

**SPECIALIZED AREA: DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**(Revised)**

**MES-211 GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:**

1. Explain the meaning and features of Open and Distance Education. Discuss, briefly, how Distance Education has contributed to the development of higher education system in India.
2. Discuss how Charles A. Wedemeyer has explained the concept of Open and Distance Education in his theory of 'independent study'.
3. Is distance education a discipline? Justify your answer.

**MES-212 INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN**

**Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:**

1. Explain the concept and essential features of constructivism. Discuss how constructivism can be applied to designing of distance education instructional materials.
2. What is meant by Four Component Instructional Design Model (4C/ID Model). Describe the activities that you will carry out while designing instruction for distance education materials using 4C/ID Model. Give an example.
3. Suppose you intend to organise a training programme for distance education teachers. Describe the steps that you will follow while designing the training plan for the training programme.

**MES-213 LEARNER SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND SERVICES**

**Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:**

1. Discuss the support services which distance learners require at different stages of their learning along with their importance while pursuing an academic programme through Open and Distance Learning mode.
2. Explain, with illustrations, different forms of counselling services provided to learners in Distance Education system.
3. Describe different types of tutor comments used by the academic counsellors in the evaluation of assignments and their importance for the learners. Which type of comments do you consider effective and why?

**MES-214 MANAGEMENT OF DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:**

1. Critically analyse academic management of an educational institution with special reference to management of programmes & curricula, and student services.
2. Describe the role of universities in India according to their specialised functions.
3. Critically analyse the vision and organizational structure of Indira Gandhi National Open University and its role.

**MES-215 EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES**

**Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:**

1. Describe print and non-print media used in Distance Education system. Mention the merits and limitations of these media.
2. Explain the concept of Interactive Radio. How can radio be used for audio conferencing in Distance Education system? Explain with suitable examples.
3. Describe, briefly, the processes involved at different stages of video production, such as pre-production, production, and post-production, for academic programmes in distance education.