

Indira Gandhi National Open University School of Education

Master of Arts (Education) - MAEDU Second Year Assignments- January & July 2025

Please Note:

- a) Students are advised to select the assignments from the **Specialized Area** they have opted for.
- b) The Assignment Responses (ARs) may be submitted by hand or sent by registered post to the Programme – in – Charge of your Programme Study Centre.
- c) You should retain a copy of all the assignments in your own interest.

SPECIALIZED AREA: HIGHER EDUCATION

MES – 101 HIGHER EDUCATION: ITS CONTEXT AND LINKAGES

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. In the context of the emerging trends like globalisation and Artificial Intelligence(AI), discuss the changing aims of higher education.
2. Critically discuss the need for Quality assurance in higher education.
3. What is meant by 'equity pedagogy'? Discuss how content integration and equity pedagogy can address challenges of diversity. Give examples from any subject.

MES – 102 INSTRUCTION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. What is an instructional system? Describe, with an example, the steps that you would follow to develop an instructional system.
2. What are the common errors that make a classroom lecture ineffective? Discuss how a teacher higher education can make his/her classroom lecture effective.
3. Discuss, briefly, the essential characteristics of an evaluation tool.

MES 103 HIGHER EDUCATION: THE PSYCHO-SOCIAL CONTEXT

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Explain the meaning and constituents of personality. Discuss, briefly, the factors affecting the development of human personality.
2. Explain the concept and types of motivation. Discuss, how a teacher of higher education can enhance motivation of his/her students.
3. What is meant by learning? Discuss, briefly, the factors that affect human learning.

MES-104 PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Discuss the establishment process and funding system of a conventional type of University.
2. What are the fundamental issues that need to be examined before developing a curriculum? Discuss any two issues in detail, giving examples.
3. You, as a teacher, have to evaluate a programme that you teach. Make a list of evaluation questions that you will frame and suggest the methods for using the questions.

SPECIALIZED AREA: DISTANCE EDUCATION (REVISED)

MES-211 GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Critically examine the regional perspective of Distance Education in England emphasizing the contribution of the Open University.
2. Why is Open and Distance Education considered as a Social Practice? Justify your answer in the light of general academic discourse and education for the individual context of the students.
3. Critically examine the difference between the face-to-face and open and distance learning with special reference to systemic issues: media, method, and technology used, and curricular issues.

MES-212 INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Explain the concept of instructional design. Illustrate, briefly, the ADDIE approach to instructional design used in Open and Distance Learning system.

2. Describe the format of Self Learning Materials (SLMs) used in Open and Distance Learning system.
3. Explain the concept of Social Learning Theory. Discuss, with examples, how human learning occurs according to the Social Learning Theory

MES-213 LEARNER SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Explain the factors that determine the nature and functions of Learner Support Services in Distance Education System.
2. Explain the concept of Self-directed Learning with special reference to Candy's Four-Dimensional Model and Garrison's Three-Dimensional Model.
3. Examine different types of Tutor Comments that are used in Open and Distance Learning system and how these comments help learners for construction of their knowledge.

MES-214 MANAGEMENT OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Critically analyse the concerns of quality and excellence in Indian higher system. Give examples.
2. Discuss the essential elements one has to consider while establishing a sound system of distance education.
3. Discuss, briefly, how the University of South Africa (UNISA) transformed from a first generation distance education university to a modern ODL provider.

MES-215 EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. What is meant by educational communication? Describe how communication takes place between distance teacher and distance learners.
2. Explain the meaning of E-learning. Describe how instruction can be designed for e-learning environment.
3. What is interactive multimedia? Describe, briefly with an example, the process of designing an effective multimedia package for distance education.

**SPECIALIZED AREA: DISTANCE EDUCATION
(UNREVISED)**

MES-111 GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Discuss Michael Moore's notion of 'Independent Study' in distance education system with special reference to 'Learner Autonomy'.
2. Justify the statement, "Distance Education: An Effective and Purposeful Strategy". Put forth your arguments to in favour of the statement.
3. Critically analyze the genesis of Distance Education focusing on its wide spread at the international fora.

MES-112 DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-LEARNING PRINT MATERIALS

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Describe the taxonomy of learning outcomes with special reference to different domains which include various type of learning outcomes.
2. Discuss the key features of a unit and explain why these features are considered important while designing Self Learning Materials.
3. Explain the concept of quality in Distance Education system. Critically examine the benchmarks used in quality assurance of self-learning materials in distance education system.

MES-113 LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Explain the concept of "Study Skills". Discuss different study skills used in the process of teaching and learning in the Distance Education system.
2. Discuss the skills of a counsellor required to address the learning and other academic difficulties faced by students in the Distance Education system.
3. Examine different types of Tutor Comments that are used in Open and Distance Learning system and what type of tutor comments help learners to construction their knowledge and how?

MES-114 MANAGEMENT OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Describe, briefly, management of administration in an education institution. Discuss the challenges faced by the head of the institution while managing administration of educational institution.
2. Discuss, briefly, how finance of a distance education institution is managed.
3. Describe the process of developing and delivering distance education programmes followed by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

MES-115 COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Describe the uses of communication technologies in distance education
2. What is a video script? Describe, with an example, the stages that you would follow while writing the script of a video programme.
3. Describe, briefly, the process of studio preparation for production of audio-video programmes.

**SPECIALIZED AREA: EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
(Revised)**

MES 131: EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY: AN OVERVIEW

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Explain the meaning of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Discuss the issues and concerns associated with the use of ICTs.
2. Explain the meaning of enabling culture. Discuss how the leader of an educational institution can create enabling culture with the help of technology.
3. What is meant by learner autonomy? What are its characteristics? Discuss how teachers can nurture learner autonomy in education educational institutions.

MES 132: COMPUTER IN EDUCATION

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. What do you understand by cyberbullying and cyber harassment? Discuss how we can become vigilant for online predators?
2. With the help of suitable examples, explain uses of ICT in inclusive classrooms at secondary school level.
3. Choose a topic from your subject. Write how you will plan and transact a lesson keeping in mind the principles of Universal Design Learning (UDL). Give suitable examples.

MES 133: SELECTION AND INTEGRATION OF TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATIONAL PROCESSES

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. What is meant by Open Educational Resources (OERs)? Explain the different types of OERs and creative common licenses.
2. Discuss the technologies/tools used for assessment of learners.
3. How will you organise and manage a technology mediated learning space? Give your ideas and plans.

MES 134: DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF COURSEWARE

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Describe any two means of delivering online instructions.
2. What do you mean by learning design? Explain with an example.
3. Select a topic, which you would like to teach using the video programme. Write a script and story board for the video programme.

SPECIALIZED AREA: EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (Unrevised)

MES-031 ET: AN OVERVIEW

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Define Educational Technology. Describe how educational Technology has evolved to support the various kinds of learning.
2. Explain the meaning and types of learning environment. Discuss, with examples, how technology plays a significant role in each of these learning environments.
3. What is meant by system? Describe, with an example, how classroom instruction can be designed and developed using systems approach to instruction.

MES-032 COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. What do you mean by learning? Discuss the factors affecting learning.
2. Explain the stages involved in production of a video programmes.
3. How will you integrate technology into your teaching? Give your plans.

MES-033 COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Discuss the use of computer for creating and sharing documents.
2. Explain the term, 'animation'. Describe its use in education with examples.
3. You are required to plan a website for a school. What information and services would you hire to place on the website? How would you facilitate interaction between teachers and students through the website?

MES-034 DESIGNING COURSEWARE

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. What is online learning? Discuss the attributes of online learning.
2. Explain the meaning and significance of courseware evaluation.
3. Critically analyze the advantages and disadvantages of using 'audio and video programmes in teaching-learning process.

SPECIALIZED AREA: EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT

MES-041: GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Discuss the principles and techniques of educational management.
2. Present a comparative picture of the educational systems of the USA and of China.
3. What are the issues in the management of non-formal education in India? Suggest some measures to address the same.

MES-042: DIMENSIONS OF EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Compare the recommendations of the National Policy on Education (NPE, 1986) with the National Education Policy (NEP, 2020) on School Education.
2. Elaborate on the major differences between the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) and the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).
3. Discuss the specific roles and responsibilities of Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) in supporting and strengthening elementary education.

MES-043: ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOUR

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. List various models of decision-making. Discuss any two models focusing on their adequacy in educational management.
2. Explain the meaning of effective communication. Discuss various communication approaches that are helpful in making communication effective in your institution.
3. Describe various categories under input indicators in an educational system. Discuss the factors that affect the effectiveness of any communication under input indicators in your organization. Suggest possible remedial measures.

MES-044: INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each:

1. Critically analyse the group centred methods of curriculum transaction with examples.
2. Compare student support services provided by conventional System of Education with Open Education System. What other support systems would you like to put forth, both for the conventional and open education system?
3. Critically analyse different types of budgets and their functions followed by the educational institutions. Explain with illustrations.

SPECIALIZED AREA: ADULT EDUCATION

MAE-001: UNDERSTANDING ADULT EDUCATION

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each.

- 1) Highlight the major changes that took place in the policy direction of adult education in India after independence.
- 2) Discuss the role of adult education in social and community mobilization/movements.
- 3) How do you differentiate among Training, Teaching and Education? Explain, with suitable examples, how brainstorming and buzz sessions are used as training methods in adult education.

MAE-002: POLICY PALNNING AND IMPLEMENATION OF ADULT EDUCATION IN INDIA

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each.

- 1) Discuss the role of colleges and universities in promoting adult and continuing education and extension.
- 2) What are the considerations that should be kept in mind while conducting training in adult education? Explain them with suitable examples.
- 3) Highlight the challenges faced by adult education in India and suggest measures to minimize these challenges.

MAE-003: KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT, INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND NETWORKING IN ADULT EDUCATION

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each.

- 1) Explain the importance of Knowledge Management in Adult Learning set-up in rural areas. Illustrate with different areas of information that you think are essential for Adult Learning.
- 2) Explain the concept of Computer Networking. Illustrate different components of computer networking and its functions with examples.
- 3) 'Negotiation is usually regarded as a form of alternative dispute resolution'. Critically analyse the statement by explaining the process of negotiation used in adult learning with suitable examples.

MAE-004: EXTENSION EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each.

- 1) What is extension? What are the components of extension? Write the steps involved in extension process.
- 2) Explain the concept and significance of disparities in development.
- 3) How do Manpower Planning and Personnel Management help in extension and development? Discuss with suitable examples.