

MADE

**MASTER OF ARTS IN
DISTANCE EDUCATION
(MADE)**

ASSIGNMENTS

January 2023

1st year

(MDE-411,412,413,414, 418/518)



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Note: Please write your programme code, course code, course title, enrolment no., name, email and phone no. on the cover page of each assignment.

MDE-411: Growth and Philosophy of Distance Education**Due Date: May 30, 2023**

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

Discuss the growth and development of Open Distance Education (ODE) in India. “Open and distance education is a paradigm shift when we compare it with face-to-face teaching and learning”, you agree or disagree with this statement, justify your answer with examples.

2. Answer any three of the following questions in about 250-300 words each.

- (a) What are the differences between New Learner and Traditional (old) Learner.
- (b) Why the distance education treated as a discipline of study?
- (c) How the distance education has a relevance in the context of African countries?
- (d) List the pedagogic significance of tutor comments on assignments.
- (e) Write a note on use of media and technology in distance education.

3. Answer the following questions in about 800 words.

Critically examine the major features of Borje Holmberg’s theory of ‘Guided Didactic Conversion’. How is this theory applied in the context of distance education? Support your answer with examples.

Course Coordinator: Dr. Ali Asgar, email: aliasgar@ignou.ac.in

MDE-412: Instructional Design**Due Date: June 30, 2023**

1. Answer the following question within 800 words:

Discuss the implications of behaviouristic theory of learning in designing instruction. Give illustrations to support your answer

2. Answer any three of the following within 300 words each:

- (a) Describe the ASSURE model of instructional design? Explain its implications for designing instructional materials for distance learners.
- (b) Describe any three ‘contextual learning strategies’ with examples.
- (c) What are learning outcomes? How are they different from learning objectives.
- (d) Discuss the Dick, Carey and Carey model of instructional design with an illustration.
- (e) Discuss the purposes of needs assessment while designing self-learning materials.

3. Answer the following questions within 800 words:

Discuss the Kirkpatrick’s levels of assessment used to ascertain the effectiveness of instructional design of a programme.

Course Coordinator: Prof. Anita Priyadarshini (e-mail: anitapriyadarshini@ignou.ac.in)

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

What are study skills? Discuss the need and importance of these skills. How do these study skills help distance learners in their studies?

2. Answer any three of the following questions in about 250-300 words each:

- i) Explain any three types of support services available in an open and distance learning system.
- ii) List at least five categories of media used in counselling. Explain in brief the way of using them.
- iii) Discuss briefly about the components of self-directed learning.
- iv) What are the qualities a counsellor needs to organize the counselling sessions in a better way?

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Explain the meaning of assessment. Discuss different types of assessment in the context of Open and Distance learning system.

Course Coordinator: Dr. Tata Ramakrishna (e-mail: tataramakrishna@ignou.ac.in)
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1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Discuss the critical areas of management of an educational institution and identify which area is important according to you, with justification?
(Unit -3 of Block-1 would help you to answer this question).

2. Answer any three of the following questions in about 250-300 words each:

- a) Write a brief note on the organisational structure of BRAOU (Unit-5 of Block-4 would help you to answer this question).
- b) Describe briefly the main features of single mode institution (Unit-3 of Block-3 would help you to answer this question).
- c) Explain briefly major commonalities in higher education systems among third world countries (Unit-2 of Block-2 would help you to answer this question).
- d) List the externally initiated models of change and explain briefly any two of them. (Unit-1 of Block-5 would help you to answer this question).

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Discuss the essential attributes of a learning organisation. How these attributes can be adopted in the context of Distance Education institution? (Unit-4 of Block-5 would help you to answer this question).

Assignment 05 (MDE-418)

Due Date: Sep.30, 2023

Learners who have registered in MADE upto January 2020 should attempt the following Assignment.

1. Answer the following question in about 600 words:

‘Communication technology has increased the reach of education’. Elaborate the statement with evidences and arguments.

2. Answer any three of the following questions in about 250 words each:

- a) Write short note on academic scripting in development of a TV programme.
- b) Write a short note on ‘webcasting’.
- c) How teleconferencing is important in distance learning?
- d) Discuss mobile Apps for learning.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Describe synchronous and asynchronous interactive delivery methods with suitable examples.

MDE-518: Learning Portfolio

Due Date: Sep.30, 2023

For Learners enrolled from July 2020 onwards

Learners who registered the programme in July 2020 and onwards should attempt the Learning Portfolio.

You are requested to study block 5 of MDE-518 and submit the Learning Activities as per the instruction given in the block 5.

The URL and credential of MOODLE LMS will be sent through your email. If you have any problem to access the platform please contact the Course Coordinator or Programme Coordinator.

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MDE-415: Research for Distance Education

Due Date: Jun.30, 2023

Q. 1. Answer the following Question in about 800 words

Explain the different categories of Research.

Q.2 Answer the following Question in about 400 words each

- a) Explain the limitations of causal-comparative method of research with an appropriate example.
- b) State the three features of a good research problem

Q.3. Answer the following question in about 800 words

Explain the concept of Data. As researcher how can one ensure the quality of data?

Course Coordinator: Prof Madhu Parhar (e-mail: mparhar@ignou.ac.in)
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MDE-416: Curriculum Development for Distance Education **Due Date: July 30, 2023**

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

Explain in detail the basic criteria for selecting content in the development of curriculum.

2. Answer the following questions in about 300 words each.

- a) Explain the ORC curriculum implementation model.
- b) Describe curriculum planning at national level.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

Describe the principles of construction of evaluation tools.

Course Coordinator: Prof. Amiteshwar Ratra (e-mail: amiteshwar@ignou.ac.in)
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MDE-417: Distance Education-Economic Perspective

Due Date: Aug. 30,2023

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Describe cost-effectiveness and cost-efficiency; and critically analyse how can distance education be both cost-effective and cost-efficient.

2. Answer any three of the following questions in about 250-300 words each:

- a) In what way does distance education contribute to increase in the quality of the labour force ?
- b) How does distance education contribute to human resource development ?
- c) How are budgets prepared in education ?.
- d) Distinguish between fixed and variable costs with suitable examples.
- e) What different aspects are covered in the area of 'economics of distance education' ?

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Describe in what way education is considered as 'investment'. Based on that, briefly analyse how distance education is considered as investment too.

Course Coordinator: Prof Santosh Panda (e-mail: spanda.ignou@gmail.com)

MDE-419: Staff Training and Development in Distance Education Due Date: Sep. 30, 2023

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

What are the reasons for conducting training need assessment in distance education? Comment on various methods used for training need assessment and their advantages and disadvantages.

2. Answer any three of the following questions in about 250-300 words each:

- a) Discuss the pedagogical role of teacher in online education.
- b) List the skills to be developed in a Distance teacher through professional training.
- c) What are the functions you can perform with bulletin board system?
- d) Briefly discuss portfolio approach.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

If you are asked to plan and organize a three day training programme for the course writers in distance education, how do you plan and organize the programme? Prepare a schedule of the training programme.

Course Coordinator: Dr. P. Lakshmi (p.lakshmi@ignou.ac.in)
