POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DISTANCE EDUCATION
(PGDDE)

ASSIGNMENTS

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

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Dear PGDDE Learner,

Welcome to the Post Graduate Diploma in Distance Education (PGDDE) programme. Please keep the following instructions in mind while submitting your PGDDE assignments.

General Instructions

1. While writing your assignment, please ensure that you write your Programme Code (PGDDE), course code (MDE-xxx), name, address, mobile number, email ID in CAPITAL LETTER on the first page of each assignment.
2. Please write the question before each answer –with the same Question Number given in the assignment. Maintain the word limit given for each question.
3. Please write in continuous pages and number each page.
4. Always write your name and enrolment number while communicating with IGNOU.
5. Please always keep a copy (photocopy or scanned) of the assignment sent by you for your study purpose and record.
6. **Assignments can be deposited at your Study Centres or sent to The Director, STRIDE, Block16, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068 through post.**
7. It is mandatory for all learners to submit your **Assignments before filling up of your Term-End Exam Form.**
8. **Please visit the IGNOU website www.ignou.ac.in for last date of submission of the assignments**.
9. The minimum standards for completion of a course and also the PGDDE programme are the following:
   a) Minimum 'D' grade in Continuous Evaluation i.e. each assignment in each course.
   b) Minimum 'C' grade in the Term-End Examination in each course.
   c) Final grade in a course (Assignment +Term-End Examination) should be at least 'C'.

Best Wishes

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MDE-411: Growth and Philosophy of Distance Education

1. **Answer the following question in about 800 words.**

   Discuss the origin and development of Open Distance Education in the context of contemporary socio-economic situation in Europe, Asia and Africa.

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

   (a) Why the distance education is treated as a discipline of study?
   (b) Discuss any three major features of New Learners of 21st century?
   (c) Why the professional development of teachers working in distance education system is very essential?
   (d) What are the limitations of dual mode institutions?
   (e) Why the open and distance education is considered a 'paradigm shift' from traditional face-to-face education? Justify your answer with examples.

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

   Critically examine the theory of Otto Peters and its relevance in the context of teaching-leaning through distance education system? Support your arguments with examples and illustrations.

MDE-412: Instructional Design

1. **Answer the following question within 800 words:**
   Explain the Dick &Carey and Kary model for designing and instructional material. Give the main steps for this instructional design model.

2. **Answer any three of the following within 300 words each:**
   (a) What are the ten steps of the Four Component/ Instructional Design (4C/ID) model.
   (b) Explain the difference between 'topical sequencing' and 'spiral sequencing' under the elaboration theory.
   (c) Describe the laws of learning as propounded by 'Edward Thorndike'.
   (d) What is the lesson plan and why it is important for classroom instruction.
   (e) Explain the major characteristics of Self Learning Material(SLM).

3. **Answer the following questions within 800 words:**
   Describe the importance of learning resources in distance education. Support your answer with example of any two learning resources.

MDE413: Learner Support Systems and Services

1. **Answer the following question in about 800 words:**
   Why do learners' need support services and how are they benefited from the support services provided by the ODL institutions?

2. **Answer any three of the following in about 250-300 words each:**
   a) How is counselling different from tutoring? Justify your answer with appropriate examples.
   b) Discuss briefly about various models of self-directed learning.
   c) What is a study centre? Describe its major functions.
   d) What is SWOT technique? Discuss the use of SWOT in problem solving with examples.
   e) Discuss different measures to reduce students' attrition in distance education system

3. **Answer the following question in about 800 words:**
   Explain and illustrate the tutor's comments on learner's assignment responses and discuss how these comments are helpful for the learners.

MDE-414: Management of Distance Education

1. **Answer the following question in about 800 words:**
   Discuss the management functions of an organisation.
   (Unit -1 of Block-1 would help you to answer this question).

2. **Answer any three of the following questions in about 250-300 words each:**
   i)   Write a brief note on the organisational structure of IGNOU (Unit-1 of Block-4 would help you to answer this question).
   ii) Describe briefly the main features of dual mode institution (Unit-3 of Block-3 would help you to answer this question).
   iii) Explain briefly major commonalities in higher education systems among third world countries (Unit-2 of Block-2 would help you to answer this question).
   iv) Write a brief note on the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) (Unit-3 of Block-4 would help you to answer this question).

3. **Answer the following question in about 800 words:**
   Discuss the mechanisms through which organisations learn. (Unit-4 of Block-5 would help you to answer this question).

MDE-518: Learning Portfolio

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. For course MDE-518 the assignment is in the form of portfolio containing different learning activities that are to be conducted by the learner. This assignment has to be submitted through the LMS.

The URL and credential of MOODLE LMS will be sent through your email.