

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

Term-End Examination

December, 2013

**ES-317 : DISTANCE EDUCATION : ECONOMIC
PERSPECTIVE**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

*Note : (i) Answer all the **three** questions.*

*(ii) All the **three** questions carry **equal** weightage.*

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1. Answer **any one** of the following in about 1200 words :
 - (a) Define the concept of 'economics of education' and establish the relationship between 'education and economic growth'.
 - (b) What are the determinants of educational costs ? Elaborate on how do they relate to social and private costs.

 2. Answer **any four** of the following in about 300 words each :
 - (a) Describe how distance education contributes to human capital formation.
 - (b) Elaborate on the case elements of financial management.

- (c) Distinguish between average cost and marginal cost as applicable to distance education.
- (d) Describe the approach to educational planning in the Eighth five year plan of India.
- (e) In what ways can the resources for distance education be optimally utilised ?

3. Answer **any one** of the following in about **1200** words :

- (a) Describe how unit cost is related to social and private costs; and analyse how the unit cost in distance education is influenced by fixed and variable costs.
 - (b) Compare the pattern of funding in any two open universities that you have studied. Based on that, elaborate how can distance education be economically viable.
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