

M.A. DISTANCE EDUCATION

Term-End Examination

December, 2013

**MDE-411 : PHILOSOPHY OF DISTANCE
EDUCATION**

For students of January 2012 and Onwards

Time : 3 hours

Weightage : 75%

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

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

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **1200** words :
 - (a) Discuss the various strategies available in the developing countries to democratize Higher Education.
 - (b) Analyse the conceptual distinctions between open education and distance education with suitable illustrations and examples.

2. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **300** words each :
 - (a) Discuss at least four key functions of a Distance Teacher.
 - (b) What do you mean by communicational distance in today's context of distance education ?

- (c) Give at least three reasons for treating distance education as a discipline.
 - (d) Justify the need for face - to - face component in a Distance Education Programme.
 - (e) Discuss the relationship between research and quality assurance in distance teaching.
 - (f) What are the typical characteristics of a New Learner ?
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **1200** words :
- (a) Discuss the contemporary relevance of any five theories of distance education.
 - (b) Discuss the major challenges faced by Distance Education in attaining parity of esteem with face - to - face education.
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