

M.A. DISTANCE EDUCATION

Term-End Examination

December, 2014

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

For students of January 2012 and Onwards

Time : 3 hours

Weightage : 75%

*Note : Answer **all** the **three** questions. All the three questions carry equal weightage.*

1. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 1200 words :
 - (a) Critically evaluate the philosophical foundations of distance education.
 - (b) Discuss the genesis, growth and present status of distance education with particular reference to India.

2. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 300 words each :
 - (a) Can we call distance education a discipline ? Substantiate your answer with appropriate examples.

- (b) Describe 'New Learner' in the context of distance education.
 - (c) What is Wedemeyer's contribution to distance education ?
 - (d) Describe 'online', 'virtual' and 'blended' learning.
 - (e) Are there differences in the practice of distance education in India and South Africa ? Discuss.
 - (f) How does distance education contribute to achieving social justice ?
3. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 1200 words :
- (a) Discuss the paradigm shift in education and distance education.
 - (b) Explain the innovations in distance education and state how these help improve the quality of learner services.
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