M.A. DISTANCE EDUCATION

Term-End Examination

00185 **December, 2014**

MDE-415 : RESEARCH FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION

Time : 3 hours *Weightage : 75%*

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

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

    (a) Compare the findings of the research studies conducted on 'Distance learners' in India with the international perspective.

    (b) Describe the characteristics of a probability sample. Discuss with examples, any two methods of probability sampling.

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about 300 words each :

    (a) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of rating scale as a research tool.

    (b) Differentiate between fundamental and applied research.

(c)   Discuss with examples the ethical issues in research related to Distance Education.

(d)   Describe any two levels of theorizing in research for Distance Education.

(e)   Compare between the closed and open-ended questionnaires as research tools.

(f)   Describe the stages involved in the experimental research.

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

(a)   Discuss the process of organization of qualitative data in research. Describe any two methods of analysis of qualitative data.

(b)   Discuss the three characteristics of a good research tool. Describe the different methods to assess the reliability of a tool.