

M.A. DISTANCE EDUCATION

Term-End Examination

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**MDE-417 : DISTANCE EDUCATION : ECONOMIC
PERSPECTIVE**

Time : 3 hours

Weightage : 75%

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

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

Describe the process of generating human and non-human resources. Explain with the help of suitable examples, the role of distance education as a human capital.

OR

What are the determinants of educational costs ? Elaborate on how they relate to social and private costs.

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

- (a) Describe the approach to educational planning in the 12th Five Year Plan of India.
- (b) Describe the measures to reduce the government spending on education.
- (c) Define fixed and variable costs in distance education.
- (d) Elaborate on the principles of financial management.
- (e) Define the concept of 'economics of education'.

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

Analyse the cost functions in distance education with suitable examples.

OR

Explain the role of the government and the process involved in funding distance education institutions in Asia.
