

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND
ADMINISTRATION

Term-End Examination

December, 2014

MES-047 : OPEN AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 70%

Note : (i) All questions are compulsory.

(ii) All questions carry equal weightage.

1. Answer the following question in about 600 words.

Discuss five generations of distance education.
How are they different from each other ?

OR

Identify and discuss the salient features of NIOS and IGNOU, which make these institutions accessible to learners.

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words.

Discuss, with examples, the implications of cognitive theory of learning for development of self-learning materials.

OR

Discuss the criteria of media selection and the approaches of using media in ODL institutions.

3. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **150** words each.

- (a) Describe the importance of continuous assessment in the ODL system.
- (b) Explain the issues involved in managing the teaching -learning system in an open learning institution.
- (c) Why do we write objectives in the beginning of each unit of self -learning materials ? Discuss.
- (d) Describe the method adopted for revising a course in distance education.
- (e) Write a short note on study centre of any open university.
- (f) Write a short note on video conferencing.

4. Answer the following question in about **600** words.

Compare the features and functions of Athabasca University (Canada) with Open University Sri Lanka.
