

**MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2015**

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

*Time : 3 hours*

*Weightage : 75%*

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

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

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

Distinguish between "Education as Consumption" and "Education as Investment". In what different ways does Distance Education contribute to development of human resources to be considered as "Investment" ?

**OR**

What different costs are involved in distance education ? In what way the various cost centres influence the unit cost of distance education ?

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

(a) Distinguish between Cost - Effectiveness and Cost - Efficiency.

(b) In what way is education related to earning profile ?

- (c) Explain how the principles of financial management be applicable to distance education.
  - (d) Distinguish between Cost per Student in conventional university and an open university.
  - (e) What is the funding policy for open universities ?
  - (f) What are the major sources of funding in ODL institutions ?
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **1200** words :

Distinguish between Fixed Costs and Variable Costs in distance education. Which of these costs should distance education depend on so as to achieve economy of scale ?

**OR**

Analyse costing of at least two open universities; and explain how can open distance learning plan to increase cost - efficiency.

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