

**MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION) /
P.G. DIPLOMA IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

Term-End Examination

December, 2015

**MES-101 : HIGHER EDUCATION : ITS CONTEXT
AND LINKAGES**

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 some of the major policies in Indian higher education since Independence. Critically evaluate the implementation of these policies highlighting strengths and weaknesses of the implementation process.

OR

What is WTO ? Describe its role in the process of internationalization and commodification of higher education. Explain how India has responded to the challenges arising out of these developments.

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words :
Discuss how higher education system is related to social and economic systems of a nation. Critically examine this relationship in the Indian context.

OR

What is open and distance learning ? Discuss in detail the evolution of this system in the Indian context and its role in the democratization of higher education with reference to various sections of the society.

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

- (a) Explain the impact of colonial rule on higher education system in India.
- (b) Discuss major thrust areas pertaining to higher education during XI Five Year Plan in India.
- (c) Discuss the role of higher education in understanding various kinds of social problems in India.
- (d) What do you mean by quality assurance and accreditation ? Discuss critically the criteria evolved by NAAC for this purpose.
- (e) What do you think are the major challenges in the financing of higher education in India ?

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

Define a 'profession' and describe the characteristics of teaching as a profession. Discuss the role of teachers in higher education in the context of the changing socio-economic and political environment in India.
