

M.A. DISTANCE EDUCATION

Term-End Examination

December, 2016

**MDE-411 : GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

For students of January 2012 and Onwards

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 75

- Note :** (i) *Answer all the three questions.*
(ii) *All the three questions carry equal weightage.*
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1. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 1200 words :
- (a) "Open and Distance Learning (ODL) is a democratized form of education." Justify the statement with examples.
- OR**
- (b) Trace the growth of distance education in India.
2. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about 300 words each :
- (a) "Do assignments facilitate two-way communication in distance education ?" Illustrate.
- (b) Write a note on 'dual mode' education with reference to Indian education system.

- (c) Describe the concept of 'learner autonomy'.
- (d) What are the salient features of distance education ?
- (e) Does distance education mark a paradigm shift in education ? Illustrate.
- (f) What is meant by 'distance' in distance education ?

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

- (a) Explain as to whether the concepts of 'tutoring' and 'academic counselling' in the context of ODL could be used synonymously ? Justify with examples.

OR

- (b) "Generally, open education is associated with developing economies." Do you agree with this statement ? Elucidate.
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