

**MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)  
M.A. (DE)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2016**

**MDE-415 : RESEARCH FOR DISTANCE  
EDUCATION**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Weightage : 75%*

- Note :** (i) *Attempt all the three questions.*  
(ii) *All the three questions carry equal weightage.*

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 1200 words :
  - (a) Discuss the various approaches to Research in Distance Education with the help of examples.
  - (b) What is the role of Descriptive Research in Distance Education ? Discuss with the help of examples.
  
2. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about 300 words each :
  - (a) Differentiate between probability and non-probability sampling.
  - (b) Discuss the criteria for evaluating a research report.
  - (c) Discuss characteristics of any research activity.

- (d) Write a short note on "Content Analysis".
  - (e) Discuss the role of computers in Research in Distance Education
  - (f) What is case study method ? Explain with the help of examples.
3. Answer any one of the following questions in about 1200 words :
- (a) "Reporting of any research activity is as important as doing the research itself". Do you agree ? Explain the main components involved in writing a research report.
  - (b) What are the major research tools used for data-gathering in Distance Education ? Discuss any two with help of examples.
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