

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

Term-End Examination

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**MES-101(S) : HIGHER EDUCATION : ITS CONTEXT
AND LINKAGES**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 70%

*Note : All questions are compulsory. All questions carry
equal weightage.*

1. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

Critically discuss the aims of higher education as envisaged by different commissions on education after independence of the country.

OR

Discuss major problems confronting the system of higher education in India. What role can higher education play in effectively dealing with these societal problems ?

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

Explain the major provisions made by WTO under education. Critically discuss the issues and concerns in the post GATS scenario.

OR

Explain the concept of social change. Discuss how a higher education teacher can play a critical role in social change.

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

- (a) What are the major initiatives taken by the UGC in improving the quality and standards of higher education ?
- (b) Mention the major forms of educational activities that have emerged in the era of globalisation.
- (c) Write any five major challenges faced by open and distance learning system in India.
- (d) Is university teaching a profession ? Justify your answer.
- (e) Discuss briefly the major effects of privatisation on higher education in India.

4. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

Describe the criteria and the process followed by NAAC while carrying out assessment and accreditation of institutions of higher education. Do you agree with these criteria and processes ? Justify your answer.
