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MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination

December, 2016

**MES-111 : GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 70%

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- Note :** (i) *All questions are compulsory.*
(ii) *All questions carry equal weightage.*
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1. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

- (a) Critically discuss the claim that open distance education democratises the education system.

OR

- (b) Describe Wedemeyer's views on distance education.

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

- (a) Name the expert who described distance education as an industrial form of education. Discuss with examples why it was described as an industrial form of education.

OR

(b) Comment on Moore's concept of "Distance". Do you agree with this concept? Justify your answer with examples.

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

- (a) Highlight the needs of the learner in the present century.
- (b) Define in your own words : 'Correspondence education', 'distance education' and 'open education'.
- (c) What is the significance of two-way communication in distance education?
- (d) Point out the major issues regarding research in distance education.
- (e) Give reasons why teaching comments in assignments are important.
- (f) Why open universities organize counselling for the distance learners?

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

What is a mega open university? Discuss the important features of any two mega open universities of your choice.
