

**MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2017**

**MDE-417 : DISTANCE EDUCATION : ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Weightage : 75%*

*Note : (i) Answer all the three questions.*

*(ii) All the questions carry equal weightage.*

1. Answer any one of the following in about 1200 words :
  - (a) "Education and earnings are proportionately related". Examine this statement, and justify, with the help of suitable examples, how can distance education contribute to increase in earnings.
  - (b) Describe cost-effectiveness and cost - efficiency ; and critically analyse how can distance education be both cost - effective and cost - efficient.
  
2. Answer any four of the following in about 300 words each :
  - (a) In what way does distance education contribute to increase in the quality of the labour force ?
  - (b) How are budgets prepared in education ?

- (c) Describe the main sources of income and heads of expenditure in any distance teaching institution.
- (d) Distinguish between fixed and variable costs with suitable examples.
- (e) In what way can distance education be considered as investment in human beings ?

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

- (a) In your study of various distance teaching institutions/open universities, suggest a plan of action on achieving economy of scale while reducing unit cost of distance education.
  - (b) Describe various costs in distance education. Explain how both average cost and marginal cost can be reduced in any distance teaching institution.
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