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M.A. DISTANCE EDUCATION

Term-End Examination

December, 2018

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

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

Note : (i) Answer all the three questions.

(ii) All the three questions carry equal weightage.

1. Discuss any one of the following questions in about 1200 words :

(a) What is the present status of Open Distance Learning (ODL) in India? Suggest the ways and means of improving it in terms of quantity and quality with examples and illustrations.

OR

(b) Discuss the possibilities of convergence of face to face and open distance learning systems to achieve better educational outcomes with the help of the latest communicational technologies, including social media.

2. Answer any four of the following questions in about 300 words each :

(a) Write a note on the limitations faced by dual mode institutions in India:

- (b) Explain the meaning of 'Distance' in the context of open distance learning.
- (c) What are the practical difficulties in handling Assignments as teaching tools in ODL in countries like India ?
- (d) Comment on 'Didactic, Two-Way Communication' propounded by Holmberg.
- (e) Discuss any three differences between ODL in the developed World and ODL in the developing World.
- (f) Why is staff development important for Distance Teachers ?

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

- (a) Discuss any three theories of Distance Education and their applications in the present context.

OR

- (b) Discuss the challenges faced by Distance Education in achieving parity of esteem with face to face system.
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