

**MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2021**

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

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Weightage : 75%*

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**Note :** Answer all the **three** questions. All the questions carry equal weightage.

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

(a) What do you understand by “Human Resource Development (HRD)” ? Critically analyse how distance education contributes to capital formation and meets the need for HRD.

(b) Briefly describe the important aspects of the cost structure of various distance learning systems. What considerations will you keep in mind so as to reduce expenditure and increase quality of course delivery ?

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

- (a) Distinguish between Average and Marginal costs in distance education.
- (b) Write a short note on how to generate additional resources for education.
- (c) Describe Fixed and Variable costs in distance education.
- (d) Distinguish between Human capital and Physical capital and enumerate on the determinants of human capital.
- (e) How is Capital cost different from Expenditure ? Discuss.
- (f) Discuss education as a future investment.

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

- (a) Analyse State funding of distance education and suggest in what ways can distance education balance between State subsidy and self-generation of resources.
- (b) Explain the features of three economic systems : Capitalist, Socialist and Mixed. Which of them is India following ? Discuss its advantages and disadvantages.

