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**MDE-415**

**MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE  
EDUCATION) [MA(DE)]**

**Term-End Examination**

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**MDE-415 : RESEARCH FOR DISTANCE  
EDUCATION**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Weightage : 75%*

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

(ii) All questions carry equal weightage.

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

- (a) Discuss the purposes and characteristics of case study method of research in open and distance learning (ODL). Describe how would you take up this method considering a case from learner support services or course evaluation in ODL.

- (b) Describe the research studies carried out in national and international levels pertaining to print materials and electronic media in ODL.
2. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about **300** words each :
- (a) Discuss various purposes of conducting research in open and distance learning.
- (b) Enumerate, how the triangulation approach facilitates cross-checking of research findings in open and distance learning with examples.
- (c) Explain the main features of Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS).
- (d) Differentiate between parametric and non-parametric data in research.
- (e) What is an attitude scale ? Discuss the uses and limitations of attitude scales while conducting research.
- (f) Describe the implications of review of literatures in research in ODL.

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3. (a) What are the methods used in the analysis of qualitative data for conducting research ? Discuss various steps involved in qualitative analysis of data.
  
- (b) Explain the purposes of writing a research report. Describe the various components of a research report with examples.