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**MDE-417**

**MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE  
EDUCATION) [M. A. (DE)]**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2020**

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

*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) Compare various approaches to the assessment of the contribution of education to economic growth.

- (b) Critically analyse, how can distance education be considered as investment in human beings.
2. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about **300** words each :
- (a) Describe the production function in education.
- (b) Describe the potential of distance education for continuing professional development.
- (c) Describe the core elements of financial management.
- (d) Distinguish between average cost and marginal cost in education with the help of suitable examples.
- (e) Describe the application of unit cost for decision-making in distance education.

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

- (a) Distinguish between cost-effectiveness and cost-efficiency, and describe their application in distance education.
- (b) Describe various cost factors in distance education. How can economy of scale be achieved by any distance education institution ?