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MDE-411

MASTER OF ARTS IN DISTANCE

EDUCATION

(MADE)

Term-End Examination

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

Time : 3 Hours *Maximum Weightage : 75%*

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

1. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about **1200** words :
 - (a) The role and significance of Distance Education in meeting the social demands in the 21st century is critical. Discuss with concrete examples and illustrations.

- (b) In the light of the latest developments in the communication technologies and the social media, do you think the term 'Distance' is still relevant in the Educational domain ? Give reasons to explain your answer.

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

- (a) Distinguish between physical distance and communicational/transactional distance in the educational domain.
- (b) Distance Education can effectively meet the challenges of time, relevance and cost in mass education and training. Discuss how.
- (c) Discuss any *three* attributes of a good distance teacher.
- (d) Give at least *three* reasons for high drop-out rates in distance education.
- (e) 'Distance Education cannot be bound by geographical barriers.' Discuss.

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- (f) Discuss the need for two-way didactic communication in distance teaching-learning.
3. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about *1200* words :
- (a) “Learner autonomy and institutional support are inseparable in any form of open distance learning.” Discuss with examples.
 - (b) Discuss the features of the philosophy of Otto Peters and Charles Wedemeyer and its relevance in the present context.