

MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination

December, 2021

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

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

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

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

(a) Explain the term 'economic disparities' with reference to India. How can the open education system contribute to minimize the economic disparities ?

(b) Critically discuss the cost structure and its application in various cost functions in distance education.

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

- (a) “Education is an investment in human resource development.” Justify the statement.
- (b) Describe the principles of financial management of distance education institutes.
- (c) Distinguish amongst ‘cost per student’, ‘cost per graduate’ and ‘cost per credit’ in distance education.
- (d) Distinguish between social and private costs.
- (e) Describe education as consumption and as investment.
- (f) Discuss briefly how to generate resources for education.

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

- (a) Analyse and compare the distance education policy in India. Suggest how the distance learning institutions can achieve ‘Education for All’ through the distance mode.
- (b) Explain various factors affecting cost of distance education. Justify your answer with suitable examples.