

**MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE
EDUCATION)
(MADE)**

**Term-End Examination
December, 2023**

**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) Discuss the pedagogic significance of two-way communication in teaching-learning through distance education. Explain the concept of 'tutor comments' as given by John Baath.
 - (b) Examine the innovations made in distance education and describe how these have helped to improve the process of teaching-learning, delivery and evaluation in ODL.

2. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **300** words each :
- (a) Explain the difference between correspondence education, distance education and open education.
 - (b) Describe the concept of Mega Universities. Give examples of any *two* mega universities in the world.
 - (c) Describe the main features of Wedemeyer's concept of independent study.
 - (d) Discuss any *three* characteristics of 'New Learners'.
 - (e) Write a short note on 'Distance Education in Asia'.
 - (f) Why is distance education considered a cost-effective and cost-efficient system of education ?
3. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **1200** words :
- (a) Describe the challenges faced by developing countries in the field of open and distance education. Support your answer with examples.
 - (b) Examine the changes brought by Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) in distance education.