

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

Term-End Examination

December, 2023

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

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

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

(ii) All questions carry equal weightage.

1. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **1200** words :
 - (a) What do you mean by 'Productivity' when applied to education ? How can an institution increase productivity by effectively utilizing different types of resources ? Discuss this with the help of suitable examples.
 - (b) Analyze state finding of distance education in selected countries and suggest in what ways can distance education balance between state subsidy and self-generation of resources.

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2. Answer any **four** of the following question in about **300** words each :
- (a) Distinguish between social and private rates of return with suitable examples.
 - (b) Describe cost-benefit analysis. Can this be fully applied to education ? Justify your answer.
 - (c) In what way education and earning are related to each other ?
 - (d) Distinguish between economic growth and economic development.
 - (e) What do you understand by unit cost ? Explain with illustrations.
 - (f) Write a brief note on the 'Productivity of Indian Education'.
3. 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) Analyse the factors affecting the costs of distance education.