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**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN  
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2012**

**ES-311 : GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF  
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Weightage : 75%*

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

*(ii) All the **three** questions carry **equal** weightage.*

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

“Distance education is more of a social imperative than a new approach promoted by a few individuals”. Justify the above statement with examples.

**OR**

Explain the academic and pedagogic issues of the guided didactic conversation theory of distance education.

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

- (a) Discuss the macro issues of the operation of distance education in an educational system.
- (b) Discuss how distance education is an industrialised teaching-learning system ?
- (c) Explain the implications of the collaborative learning approach for distance learners.
- (d) Explain how quality assurance is a crucial factor in deciding the growth and survival of distance education ?
- (e) Describe the transactional model of distance education.
- (f) Discuss the applications of distance education in Sukhothai Thammathiat Open University (STOU).

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

- (a) Critically examine the development of distance education in various regions of the world. Discuss the emerging trends of distance education.
- (b) Discuss how is the independent study system claimed to have potential to change the cultures of learners and teachers.