

**MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION) /
P.G. DIPLOMA IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

Term-End Examination

June, 2013

**MES-101 : HIGHER EDUCATION : ITS CONTEXT
AND LINKAGES**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 70%

Note : (i) All questions are compulsory.

(ii) All questions carry equal weightage.

1. Answer the following questions in about 600 words :

Describe the aims and objectives of higher education in Indian context. Discuss how emphasis on these objectives has been shifting over the decades since Independence. Give examples in support of your arguments.

OR

Trace the historical evolution of the concept of a university in Indian context right from ancient period to modern times. Also discuss the role of socio - political forces in this regard including government and private bodies.

2. Answer the following questions in about **600** words :

Elaborate some of the constitutional provisions related to Higher Education in India and discuss their impact on its development. Comment on the centre - state relationships in this regard.

OR

Discuss the major policies and programmes formulated and implemented by the government of India in order to expand and develop higher education opportunities. Analyse critically the sociocultural issues involved in the development of plans and their implementation.

3. Answer *any four* of the following questions in about **150** words each :

- (a) Discuss briefly the impact of privatization of higher education on quality of teaching and research.
- (b) Name a few ancient Indian universities and discuss the salient features of functioning of any one of these.
- (c) Discuss some of the major recommendations of National Policy on Education-1986 regarding higher education system.
- (d) Describe the role of NAAC as a quality control mechanism for higher education and evaluate its performance.
- (e) Discuss some new developments in the field of higher education during the last one decade.

4. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

What do you mean by institutional autonomy ? Evaluate critically the present state of institutional autonomy in the context of higher education in India. Make your suggestions to improve the situation.
