M.PHIL IN DISTANCE EDUCATION

Term-End Examination

June, 2014

RDE-003: WEB-BASED EDUCATION

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Weightage: 75%

Note: 1. Attempt all the three questions.
    2. All the three questions carry equal weightage.

1. Answer any one of the following in about 1200 words:
   (a) Distinguish between ‘Distance Learning’ and ‘Online Learning’ with the help of suitable example(s). Are the features of both similar to or dissimilar to each other?
   (b) Are the principles of instructional design and teaching-learning the same for both distance learning and online learning? Or, are they different from each other? Justify your views.

2. Answer any three of the following in about 400 words each:
   (a) Give a brief description of any one theory of online learning.
   (b) Describe briefly ‘connectivism’ as the new learning theory for the digital age.
   (c) How to design and operate a discussion forum in online learning? Describe.
   (d) What do you mean by ‘community of practice’ in online learning?

3. Write any one of the following in about 1200 words.
   (a) What do you mean by Open Educational Resources (OER)? How will you locate and authenticate any OER in your subject of study before you recommend to your students for study?
   (b) What different activities are undertaken at various stages of designing an online course? Explain this with the help of an example from a discipline of your choice.