

**MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)
M.A. (DE)**

Term-End Examination

June, 2017

**MDE-415 : RESEARCH FOR DISTANCE
EDUCATION**

Time : 3 hours

Weightage : 75%

- Note :**
- (i) *Attempt all the three questions.*
 - (ii) *All three questions carry equal weightage.*

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **1200** words :
 - (a) 'Problem identification is the first step towards good research.' Justify your answer with reference to the issues related to formulation of a research problem.
 - (b) Discuss the elements and approaches of critical social research with the help of suitable examples.

2. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **300** words each :
 - (a) Write a short note on Scientific nature of Case study method.
 - (b) Discuss the characteristics of normal probability curve.
 - (c) Discuss the characteristics of a good hypothesis.
 - (d) Differentiate between parametric and non-parametric tests.

- (e) Write a short note on various approaches to Distance Education research.
- (f) Discuss the various characteristics of a good research tool.

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

- (a) Discuss the criteria you will use to evaluate a research report. Use suitable examples to illustrate your answer.
- (b) Eleven (11) learners of MADE programme had scored the following marks in their Theory paper and Project work. Is there any relationship between the two set of marks ? Calculate and Interpret Pearson's r and interpret the relationship.

Theory	Project work
45	56
55	50
56	48
58	60
60	62
65	64
68	65
70	70
75	74
80	82
85	90