

M.A. DISTANCE EDUCATION

Term-End Examination

June, 2018

**MDE-411 : GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

Note : (i) Answer all the three questions.

(ii) All the questions carry equal weightage.

1. Answer any one of the following questions in about 1200 words :
 - (a) Given the phenomenal advancements in ICT, does Sewart's advocacy for 'human element' hold good in the present context ? Discuss.
 - (b) Trace the history and evolution of ODL in India.

2. Answer any four of the following questions in about 300 words each :
 - (a) It is said that distance education in Africa rests on three pillars for good practice. Write a note on these three pillars.
 - (b) 'Can we have quality with quantity ?' Asks Sir John Daniel. What is your response to this question ?

- (c) What are the four 'learner models' identified in ODL ?
 - (d) Are online learning and virtual learning the same ? Explain.
 - (e) Write a note on 'Commonwealth of Learning'.
3. Answer any one of the following questions in about 1200 words :
- (a) 'Distance learning helps in achieving social justice in the sphere of education'. Do you agree with this statement ? Substantiate your answer with proper illustrations.
 - (b) Discuss the extraordinary growth of distance education in the Asian Region.
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