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MDE-415**MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE
EDUCATION) (MADE)****Term-End Examination****June, 2019****MDE-415 : RESEARCH FOR DISTANCE
EDUCATION***Time : 3 Hours**Maximum Weightage : 75*

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

1. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 1200 words :
 - (a) What is Sampling ? Describe different types of 'non-probability' sampling techniques used in research for distance education. Support your answer with suitable examples.

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- (b) Compare various research studies carried out on 'distance learners' at the national and international levels.
2. Answer any *four* of the following in about 300 words each.
- (a) Discuss the applications of 'mode' in descriptive statistics with examples.
- (b) Describe the key points a researcher must observe and record, while conducting an 'interview' for data collection.
- (c) Describe the present trends and possible future developments of research in open and distance learning.
- (d) Discuss the use of philosophical method in research for distance education.
- (e) Describe the characteristics of Normal Probability Curve (NPC). Enumerate its applications with illustrations.
- (f) Discuss the approaches involved in content analysis with examples.

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

- (a) Select a research problem from the field of open and distance learning. Describe how different steps of descriptive research method are applied in this specific research study.
- (b) Differentiate between quantitative and qualitative data. Describe the various methods of collecting qualitative data for conducting research in distance education.