

M.A. DISTANCE EDUCATION

Term-End Examination

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**MDE-417 : DISTANCE EDUCATION : ECONOMIC
PERSPECTIVE**

Time : 3 hours

Weightage : 75%

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

1. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 1200 words :
 - (a) Distinguish between 'economic growth' and 'economic development' with suitable examples. Justify if distance education contributes to either of the two or both of them.
 - (b) Describe how human capital is formed. Justify using suitable examples if distance education contributes to the development of human resources.

2. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 300 words each :

- (a) What is the difference between 'cost efficiency' and 'cost effectiveness' ? Give examples to support your answer.
- (b) What is the meaning of 'zero base budgeting' ? Explain.
- (c) How do distance education programmes contribute to improving quality of labour in India ?
- (d) Distinguish between 'consumption in education' and 'investment in education'.
- (e) What is the meaning of capitalist, socialist and mixed economy in the context of distance education ?

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

- (a) What is financial management ? Explain the principles of a sound financial management system.
 - (b) Describe the major sources of funding for a distance education institution. Give examples from any one open and distance university of your choice.
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