

## **M.A. DISTANCE EDUCATION**

### **Term-End Examination**

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

*Time : 3 Hours]*

*Maximum Weightage : 75%*

---

**Note:** Answer all three questions.

All the questions carry equal weightage.

---

1. Answer any one of the question in about 1200 words.
  - a. Critically analyse the growth and status of Open Distance Learning in India over half a century. What are your suggestions to make it qualitatively better than the predicting face to face teaching - learning reality in the country?
  - b. Given a choice, would you prefer a job in a Open University to a conventional University / college? Why? Give reasons for your answer.
  
2. Answer any four of the following questions in about 300 words each
  - a. Comment on the term 'Distance' in the context of teaching - learning.

- b. What are the strengths and weaknesses of academic debates on open learning today?
  - c. How do you propose to enhance human interaction through social media in open distance learning?
  - d. Has the 'paradigm shift' really taken place in the educational domain? Give reasons for your answer.
  - e. What are the basic requirements to conduct systematic research in Open Universities in India?
3. Answer any one of the following in about 1200 words.
- a. Why are indigenous systems of education in general and distance education in particular necessary to sustain higher education? Give valid reasons for your answer.
  - b. Consider any three major theories of Distance Education. In what respects they need to be updated and applied in the 21st century? Give examples and illustrations.