

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN  
EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND  
ADMINISTRATION**

**Term-End Examination**

**MES-047 : OPEN AND DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**Time : 3 Hours]**

**[Maximum Weightage : 70%**

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**Note:** All the questions are compulsory.

All the questions carry equal weightage.

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Answer the following question in about 600 words.

1. Explain the five generations of distance education.  
Support your answer with examples.

**Or**

Discuss the process of course development in the  
ODL system.

Answer the following question in about 600 words

2. What do you mean by self learning material ?  
Discuss its Characteristics.

**Or**



What do you understand by the term 'Evaluation'?  
Compare the role of formative and summative evaluation in teaching - learning process.

3. Answer any four of the following questions in about 150 words each.

- a. Describe the characteristics of 'open learning' with the help of examples.
- b. Describe the various components of instructional system of IGNOU.
- c. Discuss the process of maintenance of a course.
- d. Describe Skinner's operant conditioning theory and its educational implications.
- e. Discuss academic management of an educational institution.
- f. Describe the profile, objectives and programmes of Athabasca University, Canada.

4. Answer the following question in about 600 words-

You have studied various aspects of open and distance learning in this course. Compare critically the strengths and weaknesses of open distance learning and face to face system of education. Justify with arguments.