

**MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2021**

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

*Time : 3 hours*

*Weightage : 75%*

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

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

- (a) Given the present state of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), explain how Open and Distance Learning is overcoming its previous limitations in terms of interaction, flexibility and learner support.
- (b) Comment on the different stages of growth and credibility of Distance Education in India from 1962 to 2018. What more should be done to establish parity of esteem between face-to-face and distance modes of education in India ? Give reasons to support your arguments.

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

- (a) What do you understand by 'Paradigm Shift' in the context of Open and Distance Learning ?
- (b) What is the role of a teacher in the increasing use of technologies for education ?
- (c) What are the challenges faced by distance learners in countries like India while using different technologies ?
- (d) Why is Open and Distance Learning becoming more and more important in the 21<sup>st</sup> century ?
- (e) What is the status of systemic research in Open and Distance Learning in India ?

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

- (a) Comment on any three theories of Distance Education you have studied. In which aspects of those theories would you recommend updation ?
  - (b) Comment on the unique features of any two Open Universities and their practices. Why do you think they are unique ? Give reasons.
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