MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)
Term-End Examination
June, 2021

MDE-415 : RESEARCH FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION

Time : 3 hours　　　　　*Maximum Weightage : 75%*

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

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

   (a) What is Empirical Research ? Describe the main features of empirical research with examples in the context of Open and Distance Learning (ODL).

   (b) Discuss various research studies conducted on distance learners' needs and aspirations, motivation and dropout at national and international levels.

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

(a) What is a Research Hypothesis ? Describe the importance of hypothesis in descriptive research with examples.

(b) Differentiate between Structured and Non-Structured Observation. Discuss the process of recording observations while conducting research.

(c) Describe the uses and limitations involved in applying scientific approach in research.

(d) Differentiate between Quantitative data and Qualitative data in research.

(e) What is Sampling ? Describe the characteristic of a good sample.

(f) Discuss the importance of documents in research. Discuss any two types of documents with examples.

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

(a) Critically discuss the trends, status and future developments of research in Open and Distance Learning. Describe different categories of research in ODL based on national and international reviews of research literatures.

(b) What is Action Research ? Differentiate between Action Research and Applied Research on methodological components. Discuss the major stages in conducting Action Research with examples.

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