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MDE-417

**MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE
EDUCATION) (MADE)**

Term-End Examination

June, 2023

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

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

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

1. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **1200** words :
 - (a) Describe the factors which affect the cost of distance education and the mechanism to be adopted to achieve economies of scale.
 - (b) Critically discuss the cost structures and their application in various cost functions in distance education.

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2. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **300** words each :
- (a) What is the role of national planning in the expansion of distance education ?
 - (b) What do you understand by opportunity cost ? Explain with illustrations.
 - (c) Explain the relationship between education and economic growth.
 - (d) Explain the effective utilisation of resources in the educational institutions.
 - (e) Write a brief note on analysis of cost per student at IGNOU.
 - (f) Explain the quality dimensions of distance and online learning.
3. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **1200** words :
- (a) Distinguish between the following :
 - (i) Public and Private goods
 - (ii) Investment and Consumption goods
 - (iii) Social goods and Merit goods
 - (b) Explain the following with suitable example :
 - (i) Individual/Private Cost
 - (ii) Institutional/Public Cost
 - (iii) Social Cost
 - (iv) Unit Cost