

MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination

June, 2015

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

Time : 3 hours

Weightage : 75%

- Note : (i) Answer all the three questions.
(ii) All the questions carry equal weightage.*

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

Critically analyse the contribution of distance education in human resource development with reference to 'National Policy on Skill Development, 2009.'

OR

Explain the meaning of educational finance. Write the main principles of financial management for an educational institution.

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

- (a) Define the term 'economic growth' and 'economic development' in the context of educational development in India.
(b) In what ways can the resources for distance education be optimally utilised ?

- (c) Differentiate between consumption and investment in education.
- (d) Define the terms 'cost-efficiency and cost-effectiveness' with suitable examples.
- (e) Write a brief note on 'cost-benefit analysis' of e-learning programme.

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

- (a) Discuss the pattern of funding in distance education institutions during the 11th Five Year Plan.

OR

- (b) Analyse the cost function in distance education with suitable examples.
