POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DISTANCE EDUCATION

Term-End Examination December, 2010

ES-311 : GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Time: 3 hours Maximum Weightage: 75%

Note: (i) Answer all the three questions.

(ii) All the three questions carry equal weightage.

- Answer one of the following in about 1200 words:
 - (a) "Education For All (EFA) can be achieved only through effective use of open distance Education" Discuss with appropriate examples.
 - (b) Millenium Development Goals (MDG's) can be achieved only through democratisation of education in the developing countries - Discuss.

- 2. Answer *any four* of the following questions in about *300* words each.
 - (a) How is 'Open Education' different from 'Distance Education'?
 - (b) What are the typical characteristics of distance learner?
 - (c) What are the limitations of multiplier effect?
 - (d) Discuss the issues of 'number' and 'reference' in designing distance education programmes?
 - (e) Why is 'human support' needed in distance education?
- 3. Answer *one* of the following in about 1200 words.
 - (a) Consider the theories of Wedeymer and Otto Peters on Distance Education. How relevant are they today?
 - (b) Two way communication is an important aspect of academic support to distance learners. What are the current possibilities to enhance that support?