

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

Term-End Examination

December, 2011

**ES-315 : RESEARCH FOR DISTANCE
EDUCATION**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

Note : (i) Attempt all the *three* questions.

(ii) All the *three* questions carry *equal weightage*.

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

- (a) "Identifying a problem for investigation is the first step for a good research". Discuss this statement in the light of other issues relevant to the formulation of a research problem.
- (b) What is 'phenomenology' ? Explain the phenomenological approaches in social and educational research.

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

- (a) Write a short note on probability sampling.
- (b) What is meant by 'validity' of a research tool ?
- (c) What are the four types of observation used in educational research ?
- (d) Write a short note on studies on dropout in distance education.
- (e) What is meant by research ethics ?
- (f) Write a short note on case study method.

3. Answer *any one* of the following :

- (a) Calculate the mean, variance and standard deviation of the following group data :

<u>Class Interval</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
71 - 75	3
66 - 70	4
61 - 65	9
56 - 60	15
51 - 55	8
46 - 50	6
41 - 45	5

- (b) List and discuss a set of criteria to evaluate the quality of a research report.
(Word limit : 1200 words)