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

Term-End Examination

December, 2011

**ES-317 : DISTANCE EDUCATION : ECONOMIC
PERSPECTIVE**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage :75%

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

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

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

- (a) Describe the cost structures in various distance learning systems that you have studied, and suggest how distance teaching institutions can achieve economy of scale.
- (b) Describe cost functions in distance education, and establish the relationship between average cost and marginal cost of distance education with suitable examples.

2. Answer *any four* of the following in about **300** words each :
- (a) Describe the core elements of financial management.
 - (b) Distinguish between physical capital and human capital with suitable examples.
 - (c) Establish relationship between education and earning with suitable examples.
 - (d) Describe briefly any state policy on distance education.
 - (e) What are the sources of income and expenditure in case of distance education ?
3. Answer *any one* of the following in about **1200** words :
- (a) Critically analyse the contribution of distance education to human resource development. Give appropriate examples from your country or any other country that you are acquainted with.
 - (b) Critically analyse education as investment, with specific reference to distance education. In what way can distance education be made more responsive to human resource needs of a country ?
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