

MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination

December, 2011

MES-111 : GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF
DISTANCE EDUCATION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 70%

- Note :* (i) All questions are compulsory.
(ii) All questions carry equal weightage.

1. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

"Distance education is capable of resolving some of the outstanding socio-political issues which education is currently faced with". Do you agree with this statement ? Justify the answer with examples.

OR

Explain how learner autonomy is effected in distance education to motivate the learners and to make the learning process more interesting and meaningful.

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

Explain in detail Michael Moore's motion of independent study.

OR

Differentiate with examples between the Charles Wedemeyer's motion of independent study and conventional classroom situation.

3. Answer *any four* of the following questions in about **150** words each :

- (a) Distinguish between the term 'Open education' and Distance Education.
- (b) List the main characteristics of distance education as discussed by Keegan.
- (c) Discuss the pedagogic aspects of Otto Peters' theory in relation to distance education.
- (d) Discuss pedagogic significance of tutor comments on assignments in distance education.
- (e) State the importance of staff development in distance education.
- (f) Differentiate between 'real' and 'simulated' didactic conversation as identified by Holmberg.

4. Answer the following question in about **600** words :

Analyse the quality issues in different areas of open and distance education. Write suggestions on these issues.