MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination June, 2010

MES - 012 : EDUCATION : NATURE AND PURPOSES

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:

Define 'Education'. Analyse the concept of education from the view point of descriptive and prescriptive theories.

OR

Explain education as a process of initiation and as a process of reconstruction of experiences.

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words:

Explain the concept and types of knowledge. Discuss theories of knowledge with examples.

OR

Discuss the theories of knowledge as propounded by Jainism and Buddhism.

- 3. Answer *any four* of the following questions in about **150** words each :
 - (a) Differentiate between formal and non-formal education.
 - (b) Mention briefly the criteria of sound educational aims.
 - (c) Describe aims of education as advocated by naturalists.
 - (d) Differentiate between overt curriculum and hidden curriculum citing examples in each case.
 - (e) Explain how curriculum can be organised based on Piaget's theory of cognitive development.
 - (f) Differentiate between curriculum planning and curriculum development. How are they related to classroom instruction?
- 4. Answer the following question in about 600 words:

 Discuss educational thoughts of Rabindranath
 Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi with specific
 emphasis on aims of Education. Explain how their
 educational thoughts are relevant for the present
 day educational practices?