

**MADE**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN DISTANCE EDUCATION  
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**ASSIGNMENTS**

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**Assignments should be submitted to Director, STRIDE, Block-14, IGNOU,  
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**1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:**

Select a research problem in the field of distance education. Write which research method you will choose and Justify.

**2. Answer any three of the following in about 250-300 words:**

- a) Differentiae between Null Hypothesis and Declarative Hypothesis
- b) Explain the stages of Action Research
- c) State the characteristics of Good Questionnaire
- d) Describe any two methods of analyzing Qualitative Data

**3. Answer the following in about 800 words:**

List the main components of a Research Report. Describe any one in detail.

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**1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.**

Describe the influence of Society in designing the curriculum of any Open and Distance Learning Institute.

**2. Answer any three of the following in about 250-300 words each.**

- i. Differentiate between the top down model and bottom up model of curriculum development.
- ii. Describe the points which you will keep in mind while formulating educational objectives.
- iii. Differentiate between continuous evaluation and terminal evaluation.
- iv. Explain the features of learner centered approach to learning at a distance.

**3. Answer the following question in about 800 words.**

Explain the Role of Planning in Developing Curriculum in Open and Distance Learning system.

**1. Answer the following questions in about 800 words:**

Distinguish between fixed and variable costs, and average and marginal costs in education, with the help of suitable examples.

**2. Answer the following questions in about 400 words each:**

- a. Briefly explain how distance education is considered an investment in human beings.
- b. Analyze the factors that influence the cost of distance education. Which of these factors are considered by you as most important?

**3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:**

Examine briefly the funding pattern of the open universities and dual-mode universities in India. What mechanisms do you suggest for them to be economically more viable?

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**1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.**

Discuss the need for professional training of newly joined faculty in distance education.

**2. Answer any three of the following questions in about 250-300 words each.**

- a) What are the topics you may like to include in a training workshop for the academic counsellors in distance education?
- b) Who are called 'pro-active' trainers? Discuss their characteristics with examples.
- c) Explain the reasons for developing English for distance education purposes.
- d) Discuss the purposes of evaluation of a training programme.

**3. Answer the following question in about 800 words.**

If you are asked to organize a 5-day training workshop for the newly joined faculty of any open university, how would you plan and organize the workshop. Discuss step-by-step starting from planning to evaluation of the training workshop. Prepare a 5-day training schedule highlighting the contents, session duration, and strategies to be followed in the sessions.

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