

MADE

MASTER OF ARTS IN DISTANCE EDUCATION

(Two Years Integrated Programme)
MDE series

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:

Discuss the major socio political imperatives to use open distance learning as a strategic to achieve social credibility and justice in developing countries.

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

- a) Discuss at least three distinguish characteristics of the new learner.
- b) Highlight the features of learner autonomy.
- c) Discuss the conceptual difference between a mode and philosophy in the context of a open University.
- d) Write a note on Mega Open Universities in Asia.
- e) Discuss at least three major needs of Africa that are to be met by distance Education.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Discuss the Promise, Reality, Prospects and Challenges in the light of units 3 and 6 in block 5.

Course Coordinator: Prof. P.R. Ramanujam (e-mail: ramanujam@ignou.ac.in)

1. Answer the following question within 800 words.

Discuss the Bruner's discovery learning approach to instruction. Enumerate its applications in the context of distance education.

Or

Explain the SOLO taxonomy of learning outcomes and state how it is helpful for designing instruction.

2. Answer any three of the following within 250 words.

- (i) Differentiate between Norm Referenced Test (NRT) and Criterion Referenced Test (CRT).
- (ii) Discuss two types of learning styles that reflect the process of learning.
- (iii) Describe the importance of assessment of specific needs before planning a programme for distance education system.
- (iv) Discuss the processes involved in Online Seminars.
- (v) Discuss the role of a teacher as an 'Instructional Designer'.

3. Answer the following question within 800 words.

Describe the instructional design for self-learning print materials.

Or

Explain the generic steps involved in Rapid Prototype Instructional Design.

Course Coordinator: Prof. Basanti Pradhan (e-mail: basantipradhan@ignou.ac.in)

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Why learners' need support services and how they are benefited from the support services provided by the distance education institutions?

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

- i) How counselling is different from tutoring? Give some examples to justify your answer.
- ii) What are the qualities of a counsellor?
- iii) What is SQ3R technique? How it helps for developing the reading skills?
- iv) What is life long learning in the context of distance education?
- v) Why perfect grading is not possible in the context of distance education?

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Explain the significance of tutor comments in Distance Education with emphasis on teaching type comments.

Course Coordinator: Mr. Tata Ramakrishna (e-mail: tataramakrishna@ignou.ac.in)
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1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Analyze various components that constitute the system of education in a country. (Unit 2 of Block-1 would help you to answer this question).

2. Answer any three of the following questions in about 250 words each:

- i) Examine briefly the problems and conflicts that occur in the functioning of higher education institutions due to multiple agencies involved in their governance. (Unit 4 of Block-2 would help you to answer this question).
- ii) Describe the broad organizational framework within which Indian Universities are structured. (Unit 5 of Block-2 would help you to answer this question).
- iii) Why many governments across the world are making heavy investments in distance education? (Unit 1 of Block-3 would help you to answer this question).
- iv) Write a brief note on Resource Management in Distance Education institution. (Unit 4 of Block-3 would help you to answer this question).

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Compare the educational processes with the processes of non-educational organizations and identify the distinguishing features. (Unit 4 of Block-1 would help you to answer this question).

Course Coordinator: Prof. C.R.K. Murthy (e-mail: crkmurthy@ignou.ac.in)
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1. Answer the following question in about 600 words:

Explain the types of communication with relevant examples.

2. Answer any three of the following questions in about 250 words each:

- i) Analyze the developments in community and low-cost Radio FM stations and its use in distance education.
- ii) Write a note on different types of graphics and graphic formats.
- iii) Discuss briefly theories in Interactive Multimedia Design. (Unit 14 of Block-3 would help you to answer this question).
- iv) Write a note on Discussion Groups in educational transaction.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Critically examine the role of social networking in education. (Unit 17 of Block-4 would help you to answer this question).

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