

MADE

**MASTER OF ARTS IN DISTANCE EDUCATION
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ASSIGNMENTS (01 to 04)
ES-315, ES-316, ES-317, ES-319
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For the learners who have taken admission in One year MADE after completion of PGDDE (ES-series materials).

Assignments should be submitted to Director, STRIDE, Block-16, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068.



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Assignment 01 (ES-315)

Due date: April 30, 2014

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

List the different areas of research in Distance Education. Analyze the research areas focused in India with that of International perspectives.

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

- i. Differentiate between Interval Scale and Ratio Scale.
- ii. Describe any two characteristics of a Good Research Tool.
- iii. Discuss how will you ensure the Quality of Data.
- iv. Explain the Analysis of Qualitative Data.

3. Answer the following in about 800 words:

You have to evaluate a research project. Develop criteria to evaluate the project.

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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.

- i) What are the topics you may like to include in a training workshop for the academic counsellors in distance education?
- ii) Who are called 'pro-active' trainers? Discuss their characteristics with examples.
- iii) Explain the reasons for developing English for distance education purposes.
- iv) 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.