

MA (DE)

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Assignment 01 (MDE – 411)

Due Date: March 30, 2014

1. Answer the following questions in about 800 words:

Give an outline of the existing provision for higher education in India. Discuss the strategies to fill the gaps, if India has to become a developed country by 2020.

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

- i. Discuss the concept of openness in context of democratization of education.
- ii. Discuss the role of any one open university in Asia.
- iii. Give at least three reasons for promoting distance education today.
- iv. Briefly explain the concept of distance in the context of education.
- v. What is the relevance of David Sewart's plea for human support in distance education?

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Discuss the concept of learner autonomy as discussed in MDE- 411.

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1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Describe the applications of constructivism theory in instructional design.

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

- i. Discuss the procedures to conduct gap analysis in instructional design for training.
- ii. Differentiate between general instructional objectives and specific instructional objectives with examples.
- iii. Explain John. M. Keller's motivational (ARCS model) design of instruction with examples.
- iv. Enumerate the accessible resources available for designing instruction.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Identify a topic of your choice from your subject area for writing a self-learning unit. Write its title, structure, behavioural objectives, only one section and sub-sections, summary and check your progress: possible answers.

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1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Define 'counselling'. Why is counselling important in distance education? Differentiate between counselling and tutoring.

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

- i. Write a short note on the support services for disabled learners which can be provided by an open and distance education institution.
- ii. Discuss briefly about the role of support services in promoting self directed learning.
- iii. What are the main factors to be considered for ensuring quality in ODL system?
- iv. Discuss different measures to reduce students' attrition in distance education system.
- v. Write a short note on positive (PE) tutor comments with appropriate examples.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Explain the meaning of assessment? Discuss different types of assessment in the context of open and distance learning system.

Course Coordinator: Mr. Tata Ramakrishna, e-mail: tataramakrishna@ignou.ac.in

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Discuss in brief various areas of management of an educational institution. According to you, which area is important and why? (Unit 3 of Block – I would help you to answer this question).

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

- i. Write a note on 'Relevance' and 'Quality' in higher education in India (Unit 1 of Block 2 would help you to answer this question).
- ii. Discuss briefly the organizational framework within which Indian Universities are structured. (Unit 5 of Block 2 would help you to answer this question)
- iii. What are the major issues to be addressed while designing the delivery system in a DE institution (Unit 5 of Block 3 would help you to answer this question).
- iv. Write a note about single mode institution with the help of an illustration (Unit 3 of Block 3 would help you to answer this question).

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

Critically analyse the need of distance education for any developing nation. (Unit 1 of Block 3 would help you to answer this question).

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1. Answer the following question in about 600 words:

Describe 'collaborative learning' as a pedagogical design for teaching through communication technology and techniques for collaborative learning.

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

- i. Describe the advantages of video conferencing in education and training.
- ii. Identify the uses of internet for a distance learner.
- iii. Describe design and development of audio programmes.
- iv. Write a short note on 'webcasting'.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Describe synchronous and asynchronous interactive delivery methods.

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