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**MASTER OF ARTS IN DISTANCE EDUCATION  
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**Assignment 01 (MDE-415)**

**Due date: April 30, 2014**

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

Compare the national research studies with the international studies in the area of Instructional Processes in Distance Education.

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

- i. Differentiate between Purposive Sample and Quota Sample.
- ii. Write the main steps in conducting a Descriptive Research.
- iii. Write the points a researcher must observe, while conducting an Interview for Data Collection
- iv. Give the reasons to ensure the good quality of data to be collected for research.

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

You have to develop a Research Proposal for your Project Work. Write the components of a Research Proposal.

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

Describe the basic criteria for selecting content in the development of curriculum.

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

- i. Write the meaning of term 'Item analyses'.
- ii. Analyze how philosophical issues are useful in curriculum development.
- iii. Briefly explain the points to be considered while formulating educational objectives.
- iv. Differentiate between formative and summative evaluation.

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

What is meant by curriculum planning? Explain its various stages.

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**1. Answer the following question 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:**

- i. Briefly explain how distance education is considered an investment in human beings.
- ii. 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 training of course writers 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 're-active' trainers? Discuss their characteristics with examples.
- iii. What are the advantages and disadvantages of online training?
- 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 3-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 3-day training schedule highlighting the contents, session duration, and strategies to be followed in the sessions.

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