

MADE

**MASTER OF ARTS IN DISTANCE EDUCATION
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ASSIGNMENTS

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2nd year

(MDE-415, MDE-416, MDE-417, MDE-419)

**Assignments should be submitted to Director, STRIDE, Block-16, IGNOU,
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Assignment 01 (MDE-415)**Due date: October 15, 2014**

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:

3. 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 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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Assignment 02 (MDE-416)**Due date: November 30, 2014**

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.

Course Coordinator (MDE-416): Dr. R. Satyanarayana (e-mail: rsatyanarayana@ignou.ac.in)
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Assignment 03 (MDE-417)**Due date: January 15, 2015**

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:

- 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?

Course Coordinator (MDE-417): Prof. Santosh Panda (email: spanda@ignou.ac.in)
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1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

Discuss the need for training of newly joined faculty in an open university.

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 support staff at study centres in an open university?
- ii) Who are called 'pro-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 administrative staff 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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