

**MADE**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN DISTANCE EDUCATION  
MA(DE)**

**ASSIGNMENTS**

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**(MDE-411, 412, 413, 414, 418)**

**Assignments should be submitted to Director, STRIDE, Block-16, IGNOU,  
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**1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:**

Discuss the role of open distance learning in the skill development of the present youth in India to reap the demographic dividends.

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

- a) Comment on the narrowing gap between face to face education and open distance learning today.
- b) How does research and development ensure quality in Open and Distance Learning?
- c) Comment on the learner autonomy enjoyed by distance learners in the present context.
- d) Discuss any three aspects of Distance Education that need immediate attention in the developing countries.
- e) What should developing countries learn from the British Open University?

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

Discuss the contributions of the Open University system in India from 1982 up to 2014.

Or

What are the current trends in the democratization of higher education movement? Give suitable examples.

**Course Coordinator (MDE-411): Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, e-mail: ramanujam@ignou.ac.in**

**1. Answer the following question within 800 words.**

Describe the characteristics of an instructional design model. Discuss the Taxonomy of Instructional Design models with appropriate examples.

Or

Discuss the Kirkpatrick's levels of assessment used to ascertain the effectiveness of instructional design of a programme.

**2. Answer any three of the following questions in 300 words.**

- a) Discuss the need and importance of "Instructional Design". Describe how it is applied in distance learning.
- b) Describe the purposes of needs assessment while designing self-learning materials.
- c) Differentiate between Kolb's four learning styles: diverger, assimilator, accommodator and converger.
- d) Discuss the educational implications of cognitivism in designing instructional events.
- e) Discuss the Dick and Carey model of instructional design with an illustration.

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

Consider yourself a writer of self-learning print materials for a distance teaching institution. Write a unit selecting a theme of your choice and specify the target group. Your unit must include all the features of a self-learning unit.

Or

Discuss various components of instructional design in multimedia and describe the process of preparation of interactive multimedia.

**Course Coordinator (MDE-412): Prof. Basanti Pradhan, e-mail: basantipradhan@ignou.ac.in**

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

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

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

- a) How is counselling different from tutoring? Give examples to justify your answer.
- b) Discuss briefly the components of self-directed learning.
- c) What are the qualities a counsellor needs to organize the counselling sessions in an effective way?
- d) What is a study centre? Describe its major functions.
- e) What is SWOT technique? Discuss the use of SWOT in problem solving with examples.

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

Explain and illustrate the tutor's comments on learner's assignment responses and discuss how these comments are helpful for the learners.

<b>Course Coordinator (MDE-413): Mr. Tata Ramakrishna, e-mail: tataramakrishna@ignou.ac.in</b>
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**1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:**

Identify and explain the philosophical foundations on which educational processes are based. (Unit 4 of Block 1 would help you to answer this question).

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

- a) Write a note on 'Programmes and Curriculum' as an important component in management of an educational institution (Unit 3 of Block 1 would help you to answer this question).
- b) Discuss briefly the organizational framework within which Indian Universities are structured (Unit 5 of Block 2 would help you to answer this question).
- c) Discuss briefly management of higher education in the developing countries (Unit 2 of Block 2 would help you to answer this question).
- d) Write a note on Resource Management in Distance Education (Unit 4 of Block 3 would help you to answer this question).

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

What are the reasons for increasing acceptance of distance education systems all over the world? (Unit 1 of Block 3 would help you to answer this question.)

<b>Course Coordinator (MDE-414): Prof. C.R.K. Murthy, e-mail: crkmurthy@ignou.ac</b>
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**1. Answer the following question in about 600 words:**

Explain various factors that influence the growth of communication technology in a country.

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

- a) Describe the digital audio formats.
- b) What are the characteristics of virtual world?
- c) What is podcasting? Explain with an example.
- d) Why is it important to evaluate interactive multimedia? Explain.

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

How is teleconferencing important in distance learning? Write advantages and disadvantages of teleconferencing for distance education.

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