

**MADE**

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

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**January 2017**

**2nd year**

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

**Assignments should be submitted to Director, STRIDE, Block-16, IGNOU,  
Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110 068 by post.**



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**Dear Learner,**

Welcome to the Master of Arts in Distance Education MA(DE) programme.

As explained in the MA(DE) Programme Guide, you need to submit one assignment per course within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The assignments will be evaluated by the STRIDE faculty. Please send your assignments to the Director, STRIDE at the address given below.\*

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions provided in the Programme Guide and go through the course materials carefully. Please read the instructions pertaining to an assignment before you start writing your answer. **Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials/blocks provided for self learning purpose.** And response should not be copied from any other source. We advise you read the material carefully, understand the same and write response in your own words. This would fetch you to get better grade than copying from other sources. We hope, you will attempt the assignments carefully and submit the same to STRIDE before the due date as mentioned in each case. If you have any doubts or problems pertaining to the courses and assignments, contact STRIDE faculty without hesitation. E-mail address of the each Course Coordinator is given below.

Wish you all the best.

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Note: The minimum standards for completion of a course and also the MA(DE) programme are the following:

- a) Minimum 'D' grade in Continuous Evaluation i.e., each assignment in each course.
- b) Minimum 'C' grade in the Term-End Examination in each course.
- c) Final grade in a course (Assignment+ Term-End Examination) should be at least 'C'.

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

You have to develop a research proposal for your project. Write the main components of the proposal. Briefly describe each one.

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

- a) Write the purpose of case study method in open and distance education research.
- b) Describe under what situations multistage sampling is used.
- c) List the various methods of data collection. Explain any one in detail.
- d) State the steps in the analysis of Qualitative Data.

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

There are three main components of the research report. Describe any one component.

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

Define concept of curriculum by taking definitions from the course material and explain what is curriculum and its implementation in practice.

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

- a) Explain the statement “curriculum is a plan of action”.
- b) What we design and develop curriculum is not important but its delivery is more important. Explain the statement with your own examples.
- c) What is assessment and evaluation in teaching learning at distance?
- d) Explain the role of learner support services in open and distance education.

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

Explain the theory of “Top Down Bottom Up” approach in curriculum development.

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

Explain how education and the economy of a nation are dependent on each other.

**2. Answer the following questions in about 400 words each:**

- a) How is wastage in education measured?
- b) Distinguish and establish the relationship between average cost and marginal cost.

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

Distance education is cheaper than traditional forms of education. Explain.

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

Do you think there is a need for training of course writers in distance education? Justify your answer with examples.

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

- a) What are the topics you may like to include in a 3-day training workshop for the Academic Counsellors in distance education?
- b) Discuss any two types of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities.
- c) Discuss the pedagogical role of the teacher in online education/training.
- d) Discuss the advantages of the portfolio approach for evaluating online learning/training.

**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 critically. Prepare a 5-day training schedule, highlighting the contents, session duration, and strategies to be followed in each session.

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