

MADE

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

ASSIGNMENTS

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2nd year

(MDE-415, 416, 417, 419)

**Assignments should be submitted to Director, STRIDE, Block-16, IGNOU,
Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068 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 standards '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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First year

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1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

Select a research problem in distance education. Write which research method you will use to study and give reasons.

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

- a) Write the research findings on Learning Styles of Distance Learners.
- b) Write a short note on Phenomenology and Educational Research.
- c) Differentiate between Interval Scale and Ratio Scale.
- d) Explain the advantages of using Interview as a research tool.

3. Answer the following in about 800 words.

Write the criteria for evaluating Review of Literature chapter of any research report.

Course Coordinator (MDE-415): Prof. Madhu Parhar, e-mail: mparhar@ignou.ac.in
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1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

Describe concept of curriculum. Explain emergence of curriculum and role of teacher in open and distance education.

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

- a) Differentiate between learner centered and content centered curriculum design.
- b) Define curriculum from your own experiences as a teacher and explain its validity and justify them.
- c) Describe the criteria for selection of methods and media in developing curriculum.
- d) Explain basic tenants of formative and summative evaluation.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

Explain various theories of curriculum and its implications in teaching learning process.

Course Coordinator (MDE-416): Dr. R. Satyanarayana, e-mail: rsatyanarayana@ignou.ac.in

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

What are the approaches which are employed by planners for assessing the contribution of education to economic growth and social development?

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

- a) Differentiate between cost efficiency and cost effectiveness.
- b) What are the principles of financial management?

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

What are the factors affecting the cost of academic programmes offered through distance mode? Explain with the help of a case study.

Course Coordinator (MDE-417): Prof. Santosh Panda, email: spanda@ignou.ac.in

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.

- a) What are the topics you may like to include in a training workshop for the support staff at study centres in an open university?
- b) Who are called 'pro-active' trainers? Discuss their characteristics with examples.
- c) What are the advantages and disadvantages of online training?
- d) 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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