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, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110 068 by post

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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 your 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 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:**

   Trace the evolution of Distance Education in India starting from 1962 until now. What are the key changes that have taken place in democratizing higher education? What do you suggest to improve and sustain the present practices in the field of Open Distance Education? Give appropriate examples and illustrations.

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

   a) What is multiplier effect? How successful has been this principle in the training of teachers?
   b) Is Open Distance Learning inferior to face-to-face, class room based education? Justify your answer.
   c) Discuss the concept of 'Distance' in today's context of Open Learning.
   d) Write a short note on Blended Learning.
   e) Explain the term 'Learner Autonomy'.
   f) Do you agree that Open Distance Learning ensures more equity? How?
   g) What is the role of pre-enrolment counselling? Give examples.

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

   Discuss the key elements in the industrial form of Distance Education. Do you think that these elements are uniformly present in every institution? Give reasons.

   <div align="center">Or</div>

   Discuss the critical issues involved in the practice of developing Distance Education programmes in the Indian context. Give illustrations.

Course Coordinator Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, e-mail: ramanujam@ignou.ac.in

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1. **Write any one of the following questions within 800 words:**

   Discuss the contributions of instructional design theories for preparing self-learning materials for distance learners.

   <div align="center">Or</div>

   Describe the philosophical and theoretical foundations of Four Components Instructional design (4C/ID) model for designing instruction.

2. **Write any three of the following questions within 300 words each:**

   a) What is ASSURE model of instructional design? Explain its implications for designing instructional materials for distance learners.
   b) Enumerate the difference between 'education' and 'training'. Discuss the steps involved in designing a training programme in open and distance learning.
   c) Describe any three 'contextual learning strategies' with examples.
   d) Compare rapid prototyping with traditional or classic design model. Discuss the implications of rapid prototyping model for designing instruction.
   e) Discuss the important components involved in Bandura's Social learning theory.

3. **Write any one of the following questions within 800 words:**

   Describe the purposes of 'accessible resources'. Explain different ways of making self-learning materials accessible for differently-abled students in ODL.

   <div align="center">Or</div>

   Describe Dick, Carey and Carey model of Instructional Design with the help of an illustration. Discuss the implications of Dick, Carey and Carey model for designing instruction for distance learners.

Course Coordinator Prof. Basanti Pradhan, e-mail: basantipradhan@ignou.ac.in

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

   Define 'counselling'. Why is counselling important in distance education? Differentiate between counselling and tutoring?

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

   a) Write a short note on the support services for the disabled learners, which can be provided by an open and distance educational institution.
   b) Discuss briefly about the role of support services in promoting self directed learning.
   c) Discuss the role and major functions of a regional centre in Open and Distance learning system.
   d) Discuss different measures to reduce students' attrition in distance education system.
   e) Write a short note on positive (PE) tutor comments with appropriate examples.

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

   Explain the meaning of assessment? Discuss different types of assessment in the context of open and distance learning system.

Course Coordinator Mr. Tata Ramakrishna, e-mail: tataramakrishna@ignou.ac.in

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

   Analyze various components that constitute the system of education in a country. (Unit-2 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) Examine briefly the problems and conflicts that occur in the functioning of higher education institutions due to multiple agencies involved in their governance. (Unit-4 of Block-2 would help you to answer this question.)
   b) Describe the broad organizational framework within which Indian universities are structured. (Unit-5 of Block-2 would help you to answer this question.)
   c) Why many governments across the world are making heavy investments in distance education? (Unit-1 of Block-3 would help you to answer this question.)
   d) Write a brief note on Resource Management in Distance Education institution. (Unit-4 of Block-3 would help you to answer this question.)

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

   Describe the types of universities on the basis of their structural patterns. (Unit-5 of Block-2 would help you to answer this question.)

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1. **Answer the following question in about 600 words:**

   Critically analyze the role of technology (any one) discussed in Block-2 in the context of your institution.

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

   a) List the characteristics of e-mail and explain the use of e-mail in education.
   b) Describe advantages and disadvantages of learning objects.
   c) Explain any one tool for concept mapping.
   d) Write short note on Barriers to Communication.

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

   Describe the strengths and limitations of radio and audio media in education and explain how to apply these media in teaching-learning process.

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