

MADE

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

ASSIGNMENTS

January 2018

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**



Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE)
Indira Gandhi National Open University
Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110 068
INDIA

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 each Course Coordinator is given below.

Wish you all the best.

Programme Coordinator, MA(DE)
E-mail: tataramakrishna@ignou.ac.in

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'.

**Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE)
Indira Gandhi National Open University Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110 068, India
Visit: <http://www.ignou.ac.in>*

For any academic help/clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the following Course Coordinators at STRIDE and mark a copy to Director, STRIDE (pkbiswas@ignou.ac.in)

First year

MDE-411: Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Professor; email: ramanujam@ignou.ac.in

MDE-412: Prof. Basanti Pradhan, Professor; email: basantipradhan@ignou.ac.in

MDE-413: Mr. Tata Ramakrishna, Assistant Professor; email: tataramakrishna@ignou.ac.in

MDE-414: Prof. C.R.K. Murthy, Professor; email: crkmurthy@ignou.ac.in

MDE-418: Ms. G. Mythili; Deputy Director; email: gmythili@ignou.ac.in

Second year

MDE-415: Prof. Madhu Parhar, Professor; email: mparhar@ignou.ac.in

MDE-416: Prof. Rampelli Satyanarayana, Professor; email: rsatyanarayana@ignou.ac.in

MDE-417: Prof. Santosh Panda, Professor; email: spanda@ignou.ac.in

MDE-419: Prof. Prabir Kr. Biswas, Professor & Director; email: pkbiswas@ignou.ac.in

MDE-420: Prof. Prabir Kr. Biswas, Professor & Director; email: pkbiswas@ignou.ac.in

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

List the various research categories in Open and Distance Education. Explain any one with the findings.

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

- a. Explain why Ethics in Research is important.
- b. Describe why Historical Research is important in Open and Distance Education.
- c. Differentiate between Multistage and Cluster Sampling.
- d. You are using Interview as a research Tool. Write the rules to obtain effective responses.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

As an evaluator, you have to evaluate a research report. Describe the criteria to evaluate the research report.

Course Coordinator Prof. Madhu Parhar, e-mail: mparhar@ignou.ac.in

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

Describe the major trends in curriculum development in the 21st century.

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

- a. Differentiate between problem centred and learner centred curriculum design.
- b. Define curriculum from your own experience as a teacher and explain its validity and justify them.
- c. Describe the CIPP models of curriculum evaluation.
- d. Write short note on evaluation of learner outcome.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

Describe the main components of assessment process in open and distance educational institution.

Course Coordinator Prof. R. Satyanarayana, e-mail: rsatyanarayana@ignou.ac.in
--

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

Critically analyse the contemporary reform of privatisation and internationalisation and their effects on higher education.

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

- a. Discuss the dimensions and determinants of human capital.
- b. What measures can a distance teaching institution adopt to mobilize additional resources?

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Distinguish between private cost and public cost. Explain the cost functions in education with the help of an example.

Course Coordinator Prof. Santosh Panda, email: spanda@ignou.ac.in
--

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

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

2. Answer 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 course writers in distance education?
- b. Discuss any three types of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities.
- c. Discuss the pedagogical role of the teacher in online education/training.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

If you are asked to organize a 3-day training workshop for the academic counsellors of any open university, how would you plan and organize the workshop? Discuss critically. Prepare a 3-day training schedule, highlighting the contents, session duration, and strategies to be followed in each session.

Course Coordinator Prof. P.K. Biswas, e-mail: pkbiswas@ignou.ac.in
