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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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 bellow.*

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 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:**

   Discuss the importance of Open Distance learning in the context of building a knowledge society.

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

   a) Comment on the role of technology in upgrading Distance Education.
   b) Highlight at least three issues common to Distance Education in India.
   c) What do you understand about independent study in present context?
   d) How does Open Distance Learning contribute to the skills development in a country like India?
   e) Discuss any three aspects of quality of Open Distance Learning today.

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

   Compare and contrast the operational issues pertaining to the British Open University and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

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

   Drawing on your own experience as a Distance Learner, discuss the critical issues involved in learning through distance mode.

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

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

   What is Constructivism? Discuss the implications of constructivist theory of learning for designing instruction.

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

   Explain Robert M. Gagne's nine steps of instruction which are implemented for designing instruction.

2. **Write any three of the following questions within 250-300 words each:**

   a) Describe the Pebble-in-the-Pond approach [a new version of Component Display Theory (CDT)] of instructional design.
   b) Discuss the implications of Cognitive Load Theory (CLT) for designing instruction.
   c) Describe the needs of analysing a learning environment for designing instruction.
   d) Discuss the importance of writing a Story Board.
   e) Describe the types of assessment of distance learners' performance in ODL.

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

   Consider yourself a writer of self-learning materials for open and distance learning. Write a unit selecting a theme of your choice and specify the target group.

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

   Describe different phases of designing e-Learning with examples.

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

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) What is a study centre? Describe its major functions.
   d) What is SWOT technique? Discuss the use of SWOT in problem solving with examples.
   e) Discuss different measures to reduce students' attrition in distance education system.

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.

Course Coordinator (MDE-413): Mr. Tata Ramakrishna, e-mail: tataramakrishna@ignou.ac.in

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

   Analyse the major developments in Indian higher education since independence (Unit 1 of Block 2 would help you to answer this question).

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

   a) Write about Policy formulation as management process (Unit 1 of Block 1 would help you to answer this question).
   b) Describe about 'learning to know' and 'learning to do' as pillars of education (Unit 4 of Block 2 would help you to answer this question).
   c) Discuss briefly the organizational framework within which Indian universities are structured (Unit 5 of Block 2 would help you to answer this question).
   d) Write a brief note on consortium or networked systems of distance education institutions with the help of illustration (Unit 3 of Block 3 would help to answer this question).

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

   "Across the world, distance education systems are gaining acceptance and most governments are making heavy investments in distance education.'' Justify the statement with the help of relevant examples (Unit 1 of Block 3 would help to answer this question).

Course Coordinator (MDE-414): Prof. C.R.K. Murthy, e-mail: crkmurthy@ignou.ac

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

    Describe the international experiences of satellite based education.

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

    a) What are the criteria to be considered while selecting LMS?
    b) How animation and motion graphics helps teaching learning process in distance education.
    c) Describe strengths and limitations of radio broadcasting in education.
    d) Explain virtual reality in education.

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

    Describe management of intellectual property and copyrights in technology enabled learning environment?

Course Coordinator (MDE-418): Ms. G. Mythili, e-mail: gmythili@ignou.ac.in