

MADE

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

ASSIGNMENTS

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1st year

(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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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 material 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 material/blocks provided for self learning purpose and responses 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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For any academic help/clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the following Course Coordinators at STRIDE and mark a copy to Director, STRIDE (mparhar@ignou.ac.in)

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1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

How would you re-define Open Distance Education in the present context in the light of digitization of education? Give reasons for your answer.

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

- a) Discuss the changing of profile of the new learners opting for Open Distance Learning in the 21st Century.
- b) Enumerate at least four benchmarks of quality assurance in distance teaching materials.
- c) What are the qualities of an Academic Counsellor?
- d) Comment on the learner autonomy enjoyed by distance learners in the present context.
- e) Discuss any three aspects of Distance Education that need immediate attention in the developing countries.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Critically analyze the applications of theories of Distance Education as explained by Otto Peters and Charles Wedemeyer in the present context.

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

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

What is Behaviourism? Discuss the implications of Behaviourism for designing instruction for distance learners.

Or

Explain the significance of systems approach to course planning. Discuss different stages of the systems approach with suitable examples from open and distance learning.

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

- a) Explain the concept 'instruction' in the context of open and distance learning. Discuss Merrill's principles of instruction with examples.
- b) Discuss the needs of learner analysis in designing instructional materials for distance learners.
- c) Describe the implications of Robert M. Gagne's theory of instructional design.
- d) Critically examine the needs of 'analysis phase' for designing a training programme. How will you utilize the information collected from needs analysis in designing a training programme?
- e) Discuss the five steps involved in designing interactive multimedia (IMM).

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

Discuss various types of learning resources. Select any topic of your choice from MA(DE) course and develop handouts for organizing counselling sessions.

Or

Describe the 'design phase' in e-Learning. Discuss its implications for designing instructions for distance learners.

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

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

What are learner support services? Identify the need of support services in distance education. Explain diagrammatically any one model of learner support in distance education.

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

- a) Discuss the tasks of a distance tutor.
- b) What are the teaching type comments? Describe briefly their impact on student learning.
- c) Write a short note on resource based learning.
- d) Discuss different measures to reduce students' attrition in distance education system.
- e) Discuss the role and major functions of a study centre in Open and Distance learning system.

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:

Identify and explain the philosophical foundations on which educational processes are based. (Unit 4 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) Write a note on 'Programmes and Curriculum' as an important component in management of an educational institution (Unit 3 of Block 1 would help you to answer this question).
- b) Discuss briefly the organizational framework within which Indian Universities are structured (Unit 5 of Block 2 would help you to answer this question).
- c) Discuss briefly management of higher education in the developing countries (Unit 2 of Block 2 would help you to answer this question).
- d) Write a note on Resource Management in Distance Education (Unit 4 of Block 3 would help you to answer this question).

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

What are the reasons for increasing acceptance of distance education system all over the world? (Unit 1 of Block 3 would help you to answer this question).

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

1. Answer the following question in about 600 words:

Select any topic in your discipline. Keep the target audience, level of the topic and duration, create a concept map for the selected topic and explain. (For more details, refer Block 3, Unit 11.)

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

- a) Write short note on Communication in Distance Education.
- b) List the advantage and disadvantage of television in education.
- c) Choose any open source graphic creation tool and write the features of the tool.
- d) You have studied about Web 2.0 in Block 4, Unit 17. Taking the help of internet, write briefly about the change of technologies from web 2.0 to web 3.0.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Describe Learning Management System (LMS) and explain features of LMS. How do you select a suitable LMS for your organisation?

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