

**MADE**

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

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**January 2019**

**2<sup>nd</sup> year**

**(MDE-415, 416, 417, 419)**

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

Describe the importance of Action Research in Distance Education. Explain any one area of Distance Education where Action Research can be applied.

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

- a) Differentiate between external and internal criticism in historical research.
- b) Describe the various sources for identifying the research problem in Distance Education.
- c) Explain the characteristics of good research tool.
- d) As researcher how will you ensure the quality of data?

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

Describe the various parameters which are included in any research report.

<b>Course Coordinator Prof. Madhu Parhar, e-mail: mparhar@ignou.ac.in</b>
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**1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.**

Describe the various approaches to design curriculum in higher education.

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

- a) Describe the curricula for unconventional courses in an open university.
- b) Write a brief note on the essentials of a curricula and how they are taken care of in the case of distance education.
- c) Distinguish between course design and development with the help of suitable examples.
- d) Analyze the role of distance teacher and explain how those are different from face-to-face classroom teacher.
- e) Analyze the guidelines followed in formulating educational objectives.

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

Describe various group learning techniques and there application to distance teaching learning.

<b>Course Coordinator Prof. R. Satyanarayana, e-mail: rsatyanarayana@ignou.ac.in</b>
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**1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.**

What are the approaches that 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 in education.
- b) Describe briefly 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 this with the help of a case study that you are aware of.

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**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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