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(ES Series)

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

How would you define Open Distance Education in the present context?

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

- a. Discuss the need for quality research in the growth of Distance Education.
- b. How would you change the perception of the conservative Academics about Distance Education today?
- c. Discuss the changing of profile of the new learners opting for Open Distance Learning.
- d. Discuss the possibilities for the different systems of education to converge in the globalised world.
- e. What are the possibilities of technology based instruction in Distance Education?

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Critically analyze the application of theories of Distance Education circulated by Otto Peters and Michael Moore.

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1. Answer the following question within **800** words.

Discuss the characteristics of adult learners. Explain the importance of needs assessment for planning programmes of Distance Education.

Or

Describe the implications of theories of learning and communication for designing self-learning print materials.

2. Answer any **three** of the following questions within **250-300** words.

(i) Discuss the implications of Skinner's theory of Operant Conditioning in the context of distance education.

(ii) Write the need of 'course team' approach in distance education.

(iii) Enumerate at least four benchmarks of quality assurance in distance teaching materials.

(iv) Describe the process of collecting feedback from distance learners for revising a course.

(v) Explain the advantages and disadvantages of having part-time and full-time course writers in distance education.

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

Consider yourself a writer of self-learning print materials for distance learners. Identify the theme and level of target group. Prepare a self-learning unit on a theme of your choice which should have all the key features of a self-learning unit.

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1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Why learners' need support services and how they are benefited from the support services provided by the distance education institutions?

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

- i) How counseling is different from tutoring? Give some examples to justify your answer.
- ii) What are the qualities of a counsellor?
- iii) What is SQ3R technique? How it helps for developing the reading skills?
- iv) What is life long learning in the context of distance education?
- v) Why perfect grading is not possible in the context of distance education?

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Explain the significance of tutor comments in Distance Education with emphasis on teaching type comments.

1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Analyse the 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 words each:

- i) 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)
- ii) Describe the broad organizational framework within which Indian Universities are structured. (Unit 5 of Block-2 would help you to answer this question)
- iii) 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)
- iv) 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:

Compare the educational processes with the processes of non-educational organizations and identify the distinguishing features. (Unit 4 of Block-1 would help you to answer this question)

1. Answer the following question in about 600 words:

Explain the types of communication with relevant examples.

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

- i) Analyse the developments in community and low-cost Radio FM stations and its use in distance education.
- ii) Write a note on different types of graphics and graphic formats.
- iii) Discuss briefly theories in Interactive Multimedia design. (Unit 14 of Block-3 would help you to answer this question)
- iv) Write a note on Discussion Groups in educational transaction.

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Critically examine the role of social networking in education. (Unit 17 of Block-4 would help you to answer this question)

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