

MASTER OF ARTS IN DISTANCE EDUCATION

(PGDDE — ES Series)

**ASSIGNMENTS (01 to 05)
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(ES-311, 312, 313, 314 & 318)**



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1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Discuss the role of open distance learning in the skill development of the present youth in India to reap the demographic dividends.

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

- a) Comment on the narrowing gap between face to face education and open distance learning today.
- b) How does research and development ensure quality in Open and Distance Learning?
- c) Comment on the learner autonomy enjoyed by distance learners in the present context.
- d) Discuss any three aspects of Distance Education that need immediate attention in the developing countries.
- e) What should developing countries learn from the British Open University?

3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

Discuss the contributions of the Open University system in India from 1982 up to 2014.

or

What are the current trends in the democratization of higher education movement? Give suitable examples.

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1. Answer the following question in about 800 words.

Describe any two domains of Taxonomy of Learning Outcomes. Discuss the educational implications of the taxonomy of learning outcomes in designing distance teaching materials.

Or

Describe the process of editing (content, language and format) carried out in self-learning materials.

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

- a) Discuss quality assurance practices in preparing self-learning materials for distance learners.
- b) List the features of a self-learning unit that are derived from programmed instruction.
- c) Discuss the different criteria for organising the content of distance teaching materials with suitable illustrations.
- d) Describe the mechanism for constructing self-assessment (objective type) questions. Give examples of different types of objective type questions.
- e) Explain the process of course design in the context of distance education.

3. Answer the following question in about 1200 words.

Consider yourself a writer of self-learning materials for a distance teaching institution. Write a unit selecting a theme of your choice and specify the target group. Your unit must include all the features of a self-learning unit.

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1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:

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

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

- a) How is counselling different from tutoring? Give examples to justify your answer.
- b) Discuss briefly the components of self-directed learning.
- c) What are the qualities a counsellor needs to organize the counselling sessions in an effective way?
- d) What is a study centre? Describe its major functions.
- e) What is SWOT technique? Discuss the use of SWOT in problem solving with examples.

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.

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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 systems all over the world? (Unit 1 of Block 3 would help you to answer this question.)

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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:

- a) Analyse the developments in Community and low-cost Radio FM stations and their use in distance education.
- b) Write a note on different types of graphics and graphic formats.
- c) Discuss briefly theories in Interactive Multimedia design (Unit 14 of Block 3 would help you to answer this question).
- d) 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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