

MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination

December, 2013

**MES-111 : GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 70%

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- Note : (i) All questions are compulsory.
(ii) All questions carry equal weightage.*
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1. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

Critically examine student support services as a micro-issue in distance education.

OR

Discuss the role of communication technology in distance education.

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

Discuss the shortcomings of the conventional system and explain how open distance system can overcome such shortcomings.

OR

Discuss the meaning of 'guided didactic conversation and explain its relevance in distance education.

3. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **150** words each :

- (a) Explain briefly implications of networked and collaborative learning approach for distance learners.
- (b) Explain distance education as an industrialised form of education.
- (c) Discuss the major draw backs of radio lectures for distance education.
- (d) Differentiate between communication skills and intellectual skills required distance learning.
- (e) Discuss distance education as a tool for social transformation.
- (f) Mention the functions of Commonwealth of Learning.

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

Critically examine the effectiveness of printed self learning material as an academic input on the basis of your experience as a distance learner.
