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**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

Term-End Examination

December, 2012

**ES-311 : GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

*Note : (i) Answer all the **three** questions.*

*(ii) All the three questions carry **equal** weightage.*

1. Answer *one* of the following in about **1200** words.

(a) "If an educational system has to be relevant to the society in which it operates, it needs to respond effectively to the demands of that society"- describe the potential of ODL in this context.

(b) Write the three models given by Greville Rumble which describes Distance Education. Which model fits the Distance Education system in your country - justify.

2. Answer *any four* of the following questions in about **300** words each.

- (a) Explain the concept of mega universities with examples.
- (b) Write a note on the commonwealth of learning.
- (c) Explain the pedagogic significance of tutor - comments.
- (d) What are the major draw-backs of radio lectures ?
- (e) Explain why the distance mode of education is put at a lower rung in terms of academic prestige ?

3. Answer *one* of the following in about **1200** words.

- (a) Explain Michael Moore's notion of independent study and how it confirms the theory of Charles Wedemeyer.
- (b) "Distance education is a technologically mediated system of education"-Trace the evolution of distance education in the light of this statement.
