

**MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION) /  
P.G. DIPLOMA IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2012**

**MES-101 : HIGHER EDUCATION : ITS CONTEXT  
AND LINKAGES**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Weightage : 70%*

*Note : (i) All the four questions are compulsory.*

*(ii) All questions carry equal weightage.*

1. Answer the following question in about 600 words.

'The role of education in development is powerfully, even painfully, political'. How far do you agree with this statement ? Give arguments in support of your answer.

**OR**

'University teaching is a true profession'. Comment. Suggest the strategies that can be adopted for the professional development of university teachers.

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words.

How ODL system can ensure the achievement of access and equity in higher education ? Discuss the challenges before open and distance learning system in India.

**OR**

Discuss the role of plan intervention in the development of higher education in India giving examples from various five year plans.

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

- (a) Discuss some of the major initiatives of UGC in improving the quality of higher education.
- (b) What are the concerns relating to higher education in the post GATS scenario ?
- (c) Discuss the factors responsible for weak research orientation in Indian Universities.
- (d) 'Higher education is characterised by uneven growth'. Explain this statement.
- (e) Has NAAC accreditation resulted in the improvement of quality in Indian higher education ? Give arguments in support of your answer.

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

Explain the linkages of education with development. Has education achieved equitable participation of all social groups in development ? Discuss critically with suitable examples.

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