

MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination

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**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 questions (1 and 2) in about **600** words :

“The educational scene in ancient India was not different from the European scene”. Discuss the statement with examples.

OR

Discuss with examples the socio-academic needs that led to the spread of distance education in India.

2. Discuss with examples how dialogue and individualisation differentiate distance teaching/ learning from the conventional form of education.

OR

“Distance education is an industrialised form of education”. Discuss the statement with suitable examples.

3. Answer *any four* of the following questions in about **150** words each.
- (a) Discuss distance education as a tool for social transformation.
 - (b) Differentiate between distance education and open education.
 - (c) Explain the role of 'assignment' in distance education.
 - (d) Describe any three characteristics of Education for ALL.
 - (e) Explain the basic considerations of a relevant teacher training programme.
 - (f) Explain briefly the history of distance education of Thailand.
4. Answer the following question in about **600** words.
- "Support Service System is the back bone of an ideal distance education system". Discuss the statement and support your answer with your personal experience as a distance learner.
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