

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

Term-End Examination

December, 2014

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

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

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- Note :** (i) Answer *all* the **three** questions.
(ii) All the **three** questions carry *equal weightage*.
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1. Answer **one** of the following in about **1200** words.
- Explain in detail the challenges faced by developing countries in the field of open and distance education.
 - Describe the characteristics of open and distance education and how they have been changed in the last one decade.
2. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **300** words each.
- Differentiate between Otto Peters theory of distance education and David Stewarts theory.
 - Describe learner autonomy in distance education.
 - Describe the pre-admission counselling in open and distance learning.

- (d) State the various heads of budget allocation in any open and distance education institution.
 - (e) Explain the concept of Mega Universities.
3. Answer **one** of the following in about **1200** words.
- (a) Describe the role and functions of Commonwealth of Learning in promoting open and distance education.
 - (b) Describe the scope of distance teaching in enhancing the GER (Gross Enrollment Ratio) in India.
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