

MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination

December, 2014

**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 :

- (a) "Distance education has the capacity to handle increasing student numbers and to provide relevant courses to the students of India". Do you agree with this statement ? Justify your answer with suitable examples.

OR

- (b) Discuss briefly the micro issues related to the 'academic inputs' being provided in distance teaching institutes.

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

- (a) Discuss Wedemeyer's idea of independent study.

OR

- (b) Discuss how distance education process can be compared with that of the industrial system ?

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

- (a) What is the difference between correspondence education and distance education ?
- (b) What are the problems faced by the Directorates of Distance Education located in the conventional universities ?
- (c) What are the features of didactic conversation ?
- (d) State the importance of research in distance education.
- (e) List the main reasons for starting distance education programmes in African countries.
- (f) Write a brief note on any one mega university in Asia.

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

Discuss critically the concept of 'networked collaborative learning'.
