

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DISTANCE
EDUCATION**

00321 **Term-End Examination**
December, 2016

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

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 75

*Note : Attempt all the three questions. All questions carry
equal weightage.*

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

(a) Critically discuss the socio-academic
relevance of distance education to the
Indian society.

(b) Discuss the significant pedagogic aspects of
Otto Peters' theory of distance education.
Explain the industrial characteristics of
distance education.

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

- (a) How is distance education a learner-centred education as compared to face-to-face education ?
- (b) Define open and distance education.
- (c) Describe the transactional models of distance education.
- (d) Discuss the reasons for the failure of the 'multiplier effect' theory.
- (e) Explain the aspirations of new learners in the 21st century.
- (f) Explain briefly 'online', 'virtual' and 'blended' learning.

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

- (a) Critically evaluate the philosophical foundations of distance education.
 - (b) Explain the innovations in distance education and state how these help to improve the quality of learner support system.
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