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**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND
ADMINISTRATION**

Term-End Examination

December, 2018

MES-047 : OPEN AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 70%

Note : (i) All the questions are compulsory.

(ii) All the questions carry equal weightage.

1. Answer the following question in about 600 words.
Describe the history of open and distance education in the world.

OR

Discuss the implications of behaviourist theories of learning in the development of Self-Learning Materials (SLMs).

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words.
What is meant by the term 'evaluation' ? Discuss the role of formative and summative evaluation in an educational programme.

OR

What do you mean by 'Administration' ? Discuss the competencies required by an educational administrator of a distance education institution.

3. Answer any four of the following questions in about 150 words each :
- (a) Describe the characteristics of open learning.
 - (b) Compare the student support services at IGNOU and NIOS.
 - (c) Describe the steps involved in programme development.
 - (d) What do you mean by online learning ? In what ways Learning Management Systems (LMS) help the online teacher ?
 - (e) What is 'Planning' ? Describe the steps normally used in the planning process.
 - (f) Discuss the structure and functions of the Open University of Sri Lanka.

4. Answer the following question in about 600 words.

Compare the functioning of a conventional and an Open and Distance Learning (ODL) educational system. Do you think that the systems approach can be applied to conventional education ? Justify.
