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**MDE-411**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN DISTANCE  
EDUCATION**

**(MADE)**

**Term-End Examination**

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**MDE-411 : GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF  
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Weightage : 75%*

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

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

- (a) Discuss the growth and development of Open Distance Education (ODE) in post-independence India. Explain how ODE has contributed towards democratization of higher education in India.

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- (b) Discuss emergence of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and the challenges faced by Open Distance Learning (ODL) system in the present digital environment.
2. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about *300* words each :
- (a) Discuss the pedagogic importance of tutor comments provided in an assignment.
- (b) Comment on “learner autonomy in distance learners.” Support your answer with justifications.
- (c) Write a note on importance of staff development in distance education.
- (d) Why is Distance Education treated as a discipline of study ?
- (e) Enumerate major educational concerns of developing countries.
- (f) How does the systemic research ensure quality ? Justify your answer with examples.

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

- (a) Critically analyse any *two* theories of Distance Education. Elaborate its application in ODL system.
  
- (b) Discuss the need and importance of distance education in developing economies. Examine the functioning of any open university in a developing country.