

MASTER OF ARTS IN DISTANCE EDUCATION
(MADE)

Term-End Examination

June, 2012

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ES-315 : RESEARCH FOR DISTANCE
EDUCATION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

Note : (i) Attempt all the *three* questions.

(ii) All the *three* questions carry *equal weight*.

1. Answer *any one* of the following questions in about **1200** words :
 - (a) Explain the meaning of 'Paradigm'. Describe the three paradigms of research.
 - (b) Describe the main features of historical research. What are the main steps in conducting historical research ?

2. Answer *any four* of the following in about **300** words each :
 - (a) Explain the four types of scales used in educational measurement.
 - (b) Explain the concept of 'reliability' of a data collection tool.

- (c) Write a short note on interview technique.
- (d) Write a short note on research priorities in distance education.
- (e) What are the features of empirical research ?
- (f) What are the main steps in philosophical inquiry?

3. Answer *any one* of the following :

- (a) Identify the different parts of a research report. Describe their functions and appropriate usage in writing a report. (word limit : 1200 words)
- (b) Calculate the Pearson's n for the scores received by 10 distance learners in the theory and practical of a chemistry course.

Theory : 45 54 52 58 62 46 55 49 50 54

Practical : 42 50 55 46 59 41 46 48 45 48
