

**MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2012**

**MES-012 : EDUCATION : NATURE AND  
PURPOSES**

*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 :

Differentiate between formal education and non formal education in terms of their characteristics.

**OR**

Differentiate between "Naturalism" and "Reconstructionism" in terms of their philosophy and aims of education.

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

Define the concept of knowledge. Explain six theories of knowledge with examples.

**OR**

How do the Jain and Buddhist philosophies interpret educational aims and processes ?

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

- (a) Explain education as a process of socialization.
- (b) What role does education play in developing desirable behaviours ?
- (c) How does Islamic tradition define knowledge ?
- (d) Is Gandhiji's Basic Education Scheme relevant for schools of today ? Give reasons.
- (e) Discuss four pillars of education as stated by Delor's Commission .
- (f) State the principles of curriculum planning.

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

Suppose you are a member of curriculum development group for developing secondary school curriculum. Discuss the basic tasks you will undertake while developing the curriculum.

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