

RDE-001

M.PHIL IN DISTANCE EDUCATION

Term-End Examination

June, 2014

RDE-001: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Weightage: 75%

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- Note: 1. Attempt **all the three** questions.
2. All the **three** questions carry equal weightage.
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1. Answer **any one** of the following in about **1200** words:
 - (a) Describe the characteristics of a good hypothesis. Discuss the types of hypotheses for purposes of research in distance education.
 - (b) Discuss the importance of identification of a good research problem. Describe the various sources you will look for your M.Phil Dissertation work.
2. Answer **any four** of the following in about **300** words each:
 - (a) Describe the research priorities in distance education at the International Level.
 - (b) Discuss any two types of sampling. Explain their importance with examples.
 - (c) Describe the steps involved in survey research.
 - (d) Discuss the merits and demerits of questionnaire as tool of research in distance education.
 - (e) Describe the importance of external and internal criticism in historical research with examples.
 - (f) List the four types of scales used in research. Discuss any two scales with their uses in distance education research.
3. Answer **any one** of the following in about **1200** words:
 - (a) Discuss the need for preparing a research report. Discuss the main components of a research report and develop a content outline.
 - (b) Explain with suitable examples the characteristics of case study method in research.