

**MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)/
P.G. DIPLOMA IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

Term-End Examination

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**MES-101 : HIGHER EDUCATION : ITS CONTEXT
AND LINKAGES**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 70%

Note : All questions are compulsory. All questions carry equal weightage.

1. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

“A university stands for humanism, for tolerance, for reason, for the adventure of ideas and for the search of truth.” Comment on this statement with reference to functions of higher education in the Indian context.

OR

Explain the meaning of 'higher education'. Discuss the role of higher education in the development of a society. Give examples drawn from Indian society.

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

Discuss the historical development of higher education in India with special mention of important landmarks since Wood's Education Despatch of 1854.

OR

What do you mean by quality education ? Discuss the various parameters which should be considered while assessing the quality of higher education in India. What is your assessment of quality of higher education in India ?

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

- (a) What are the characteristics of a research university ?
- (b) Comment on the 'access' aspect of higher education in India.
- (c) Write a brief note on the role of University Grants Commission in higher education in India.

- (d) What are the different kinds of higher education institutions in India ? Discuss their role and functions.
- (e) Discuss the role of NAAC as a quality control mechanism for higher education in our country.

4. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

Give a critique of the role of teachers' organizations in promoting professionalism in the context of universities and colleges in India.
