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MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination

June, 2017

**MES-111 : GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 70%

Note : (i) All questions are compulsory.

(ii) All questions carry equal weightage.

1. Answer the following question in about 600 words :
 - (a) Discuss critically the major criteria that characterize the functions and social relevance of an educational system.
OR
 - (b) Discuss Holmberg's views on distance education.

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words :
 - (a) "In your opinion can distance education impart skills" ? Justify your answer with suitable examples.
OR
 - (b) Discuss how the latest communication technologies can bring improvement in learner support services in distance education ?

3. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **150** words each :
- (a) How does distance education contribute to independent learning ?
 - (b) Explain the strengths and weaknesses of online education.
 - (c) Comment on the increasing globalisation of distance education.
 - (d) Point out the industrial aspects in the operations of distance education system.
 - (e) State the salient characteristics of distance learner.
 - (f) Write a note on any mega open university of Asia.
4. Answer the following question in about **600** words :
"Quality matters, more so in distance education".
Discuss this statement critically.
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