

MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination

June, 2022

**MDE-417 : DISTANCE EDUCATION : ECONOMIC
PERSPECTIVE**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

Note : Answer all the **three** questions. All questions carry equal weightage.

1. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 1200 words :

(a) What are the typical sources of funding/revenue for distance education institutions in India ? What are the ways of reducing government spending on education ?

(b) Describe the factors which influence the cost of distance education and the mechanism to be adopted to achieve economies of scale.

2. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 300 words each :

- (a) What do you understand by Opportunity Cost ? Explain with illustrations.
- (b) What is the role of national planning in the expansion of distance education ?
- (c) Describe cost-benefit analysis. Can this be fully applied to education ?
- (d) Distinguish between Residual approach and Returns of education approach for social development.
- (e) Distinguish between Normative and Actual costs.
- (f) Discuss education as a consumption and an investment for future.

3. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 1200 words :

- (a) What are the costs involved in launching a programme in an open education system ? Explain different unit costs of education and their application.
 - (b) Describe different approaches employed by the planners for assessing the contributions of education to economic growth.
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