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**MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)**  
**M.A. (DE)**  
**Term-End Examination**  
**June, 2015**

**MDE-415 : RESEARCH FOR DISTANCE  
EDUCATION**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Weightage : 75%*

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- Note :** (i) *Attempt all the three questions.*  
(ii) *All questions carry equal weightage.*
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1. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **1200** words :
  - (a) What are the findings of the research studies conducted on 'instructional processes' of distance education in India ?
  - (b) Explain the two processes 'external criticism' and 'internal criticism' of historical research. Describe the steps involved in conducting historical research.
  
2. Answer **any four** of the following in about **300** words each :
  - (a) Describe the characteristics of a good sample.
  - (b) Discuss any three elements of critical social research.
  - (c) Explain the need for conducting research in distance education.

- (d) Describe the specific academic issues to be considered while writing a research report.
  - (e) Discuss the measures of central tendency with examples and their uses in research.
  - (f) Enumerate the characteristics of case study method in research for distance education.
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **1200** words :
- (a) Discuss the purposes of observation in research. Describe different procedures involved in recording observation while conducting research.
  - (b) Compare the methodological components pertaining to applied and action research. Discuss the different stages for conducting action research in Distance Education.
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