

MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination

June, 2015

**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) Identify four major aims that characterize the functions of an educational system. Does distance education fulfil those aims satisfactorily ? Discuss with examples.

OR

- (b) Discuss Moore's notion of independent study.

2. Answer the following question in about **600** words :

- (a) What are the characteristics of distance education according to Otto Peter's ? Discuss the pedagogic aspects of his theory on distance education.

OR

- (b) What is the importance of two-way communication in distance education ? How does the two-way communication take place in distance education ? Discuss with examples.
3. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **150** words each :
- (a) Briefly explain the need of human support in distance education.
 - (b) What are the main characteristics of distance education as discussed by Keegan ?
 - (c) Discuss the importance of teaching comments on assignments in distance education.
 - (d) Does distance education impart skills ? Justify your answer.
 - (e) In what way is distance education in China different from distance education in other Asian countries ?
 - (f) Discuss the importance of pre-enrolment counselling.
4. Answer the following question in about **600** words :
- List the communication technologies used in any open university in India. Discuss how these technologies have influenced the design and delivery of student support services.
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