

**MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2010**

**MES - 012 : EDUCATION : NATURE AND  
PURPOSES**

*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.

What are the basic assumptions regarding nature of knowledge and the knowledge getting process according to the Upanisads ? Discuss aims of education as given in the Upanisads.

**OR**

Discuss aims of education according to the International Commission on Education for the Twenty-first Century (1996) - Learning : the treasure within.

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words.

Define 'curriculum'. Discuss various theoretical positions to the understanding of the concept and process of curriculum.

**OR**

What is curriculum design ? Discuss the various dimensions that need to be considered while designing curriculum.

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

- (a) Differentiate between professional education and vocational education.
- (b) Discuss with examples how reasoning is a source of knowledge.
- (c) Explain the meaning of knowledge according to Islamic tradition.
- (d) Mention aims of education as propounded by pragmatists.
- (e) Explain the concept of integral education of Sri Aurobindo. How is it relevant for present day educational practices ?
- (f) Explain the CIPP model of curriculum evaluation.

4. Answer the following question in about *600 words*.

Explain the meaning and characteristics of a discipline. Do you think that Education is a discipline ? Justify your answer.

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