

MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination

December, 2010

**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 :

Discuss the role of distance education in providing relevant education to professional preparation of teachers.

OR

Define distance education. Discuss its social history in any three Asian countries.

2. Answer the following question in about 600 words :

What is meant by conventional education ? In what way does it differ from distance and open learning ?

OR

Discuss the role of COL and ICDE in the field of distance education.

3. Answer *any four* of the following question in about *150 words* each :
- (a) Discuss any two factors that minimize the academic effectiveness of distance education.
 - (b) Explain the meaning of 'learner autonomy'.
 - (c) How is the distance between the teacher and the students bridged in distance education ?
 - (d) Explain why human support is important in distance education ?
 - (e) Explain the role of technology in distance education.
 - (f) How does distance education help in imparting skills ?

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

On the basis of your experience as a distance learner, explain the problems and advantages of being a distant but independent learner. Also offer suggestion for improving the situation.
