

**MASTER OF ARTS IN DISTANCE EDUCATION
(MADE)**

Term-End Examination

June, 2011

**ES-315 : RESEARCH FOR DISTANCE
EDUCATION**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

Note : (i) *Attempt all the three questions.*

(ii) *All the three questions carry equal weightage.*

1. Answer *any one* of the following in about **1200** words.
 - (a) Describe the issues of distance education research. Write the gaps that exists in research for distance education.
 - (b) State the methodological classifications of educational research.

2. Answer *any four* of the following in about **300** words each :
 - (a) List the four main approaches to distance education research. Explain any one of them in detail.

- (b) Explain the three types of hypothesis with examples from distance education.
- (c) Describe the main features of the historical research method.
- (d) Explain the meaning of naturalistic inquiry of research. How it can be applied in distance education ?
- (e) Differentiate between cluster sampling and multistage sampling.
- (f) You have to construct a research instrument e.g. a questionnaire for the project work. Describe how will you check the validity of the instrument.

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

- (a) You will be writing the research report for the project work. Write the three main sections of the research report. Describe any one section in detail.
- (b) Suppose you are the examiner of the research project. Write the criteria for evaluation of the following sections of the project report.
 - Review of literature
 - Objectives
 - Research Design
 - Sample.