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

Term-End Examination

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**MDE-411 : GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

Note : Answer all the **three** questions. All questions carry equal weightage.

1. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about **1200** words :

- (a) Discuss the educational challenges in India after 1947. How has the open and distance education system contributed towards democratization of higher education in India ?

Or

- (b) “In the present global scenario, open and distance learning system has become more

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relevant and innovative mode for teaching and learning.” Do you agree with this statement ? Justify your answer with suitable examples.

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about **300** words each :

- (a) Describe the various attributes of New Learners.
- (b) Discuss the major problems faced by distance education institutions in Africa.
- (c) Discuss the major points of theory given by Otto Peters in distance education.
- (d) Write a short note on correspondence education.
- (e) Describe the various features and importance of Self-Learning Materials (SLMs) in distance education.
- (f) Analyse the role of social media in educating masses in a cost-effective manner.

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

(a) What are the various features of Open Distance Learning (ODL) system ? How does this system play a major role towards creation of a 'Knowledge Society' ?

Or

(b) Critically analyse the theory of David Sewart in the context of distance education.

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