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

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

**MDE-415 : RESEARCH FOR DISTANCE
EDUCATION**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

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

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

- (a) Discuss the salient features of empirical research with example in the context of open and distance learning.

Or

- (b) Define the terms 'population' and 'sample'. Describe the steps involved in the process of sample selection. Discuss briefly the probability sampling methods.

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

- (a) Describe any *two* types of hypothesis with examples.
- (b) Enumerate *three* attributes of 'triangulation' approach to research for distance education.
- (c) Explain the importance of documents in research. Describe any *two* types of documents with examples.
- (d) List the findings of the studies conducted on the background and characteristics of distance learners.
- (e) List the steps in conducting naturalistic inquiry with brief elaboration.
- (f) List the methods used in the analysis of qualitative data and elaborate any *one* of the methods.

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

(a) Describe various criteria for evaluation of a research report with examples. Develop an evaluation pro forma for evaluating research reports related to distance education.

Or

(b) Discuss the use of quantitative and qualitative approaches in distance education research.

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