

MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)

Term-End Examination

June, 2016

**MDE-417 : DISTANCE EDUCATION : ECONOMIC
PERSPECTIVE**

Time : 3 hours

Weightage : 75%

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

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

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1. Answer **any one** of the following in about **1200** words :
 - (a) Define 'cost' in economics and in education. With the help of suitable examples, establish the relationship between fixed and variable costs, and average and marginal costs.
 - (b) Do 'economic growth' and 'economic development' mean the same thing ? Describe the phenomenon in the developing countries, and how education contributes to this.

 2. Answer **any four** of the following in about **300** words each :
 - (a) In what way education is related to age-earning profile of an individual ?
 - (b) Describe how distance education contributes to enhancement of the quality of human capital.

- (c) Distinguish between consumption and investment vis-a-vis education.
 - (d) Describe the factors that contribute to the cost of distance education.
 - (e) Describe the role of educational planning in the expansion of distance education in your country.
3. Answer **any one** of the following in about **1200** words :
- (a) From the study of costs of distance education, present a brief plan of action on revamping distance education in order to make it more cost-effective and cost-efficient.
 - (b) Is distance education essential for continuing professional development and lifelong learning ? Justify your response; and argue if 'earning and learning' is any more applicable to distance education alone.
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