

**MADE**

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

**ASSIGNMENTS**

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**(MDE-415, MDE-416, MDE-417, MDE-419)**



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Dear MADE Learner,

Welcome to the Master of Arts in Distance Education (MADE) programme. Please keep the following instructions in mind while submitting your MADE assignments .

### **General Instructions**

1. While writing your assignment, please ensure that you write your Programme code (MADE), course code (MDE-xxx), name, address, mobile number, email ID and study centre code/name in CAPITAL LETTER on the first page of each assignment.
2. Please write the question before each answer –with the same Question Number given in the assignment. Maintain the word limit given for each question.
3. The assignments are part of your evaluation and have 25% weightage while calculating the overall grade for each course.
4. In order to prepare/write a good assignment response, you must go through the relevant Unit of SLM from which a particular question has been framed.
5. After reading the relevant section/portion of SLM Unit, first, prepare a draft assignment, read it, do the necessary corrections then, prepare the final version of it for submission.
6. Make sure that each answer starts on a new page. For long and medium answers, ensure that there is an introduction, sub-titles for main body and a conclusion.
7. Make sure your answers are specific, written in your own word, and not be copied directly from the Self Learning Material (printed content).
8. Please write in continuous pages and number each page.
9. Assignments should be handwritten.
10. Please always keep a copy (photocopy or scanned) of the assignment sent by you for your study purpose and record.
11. Assignments can be deposited at your Study Centres or sent to The Director, STRIDE, Block16, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068 through post.
12. Always write your name and enrolment number while communicating with IGNOU.
13. It is mandatory for all learners to submit your **Assignments before filling up of your Term-End Exam Form.**
14. **Please visit the IGNOU website [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in) for last date of submission of the assignments.**
15. The minimum standards for completion of a course and also the MADE programme are the following:
  - a) Minimum 'D' grade in Continuous Evaluation i.e. each assignment in each course.
  - b) Minimum 'C' grade in the Term-End Examination in each course.
  - c) Final grade in a course (Assignment +Term-End Examination) should be at least 'C'.

Best Wishes

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**1. Answer the following question in about 800 words:**

Discuss the economics of scale in distance education, using IGNOU as a primary example. Examine the various factors that influence the cost per student, highlighting differences between open universities and conventional institutions.

**2. Answer any three of the following questions in about 250-300 words each:**

- a) Explain the Human Capital Theory and its implications for education policy.
- b) What is the distinction between a public good and a private good in the context of education?
- c) Explain the role of government policies in regulating distance education.
- d) Analyze the role of education in human resource development with special reference to distance education.
- e) Discuss the impact of economic reforms on education, particularly privatization and internationalization.

**3. Answer the following question in about 800 words:**

Evaluate the various sources of funding for distance education in India, considering the roles of government grants, student fees, and other sources of income. Analyse the implications of over-reliance on any single source.