

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

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

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

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

Note : (i) *Attempt all questions.*

(ii) *All questions carry equal weightage.*

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

- (a) Explain the meaning of the term “Human Resource Development (HRD).” Critically analyse how distance education contributes to capital formation and meets the needs of HRD.

Or

- (b) Distinguish between 'Economic Growth' and 'Economic Development'. Does distance education contribute to 'economic growth' or 'economic development'? Justify your answer with examples.
2. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **300** words each :
- (a) Explain the meaning of zero based budgeting.
 - (b) Discuss briefly the methods for generating resources for education.
 - (c) Distinguish between consumption and investment in education.
 - (d) Describe the concept of 'return to education' approach while assessing the contribution of education to economic growth of a country.
 - (e) What is the difference in the terms 'cost per student', 'cost per graduate' and 'cost per credit' in the context of distance education ?
 - (f) Distinguish between 'average cost' and 'marginal cost' in the context of ODL Institution.

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

- (a) Critically examine the sources of income and sources of expenditure in any Indian open university.

Or

- (b) Describe the funding pattern of Indian distance education institutions of higher education with a special focus on the role of government in funding to them.

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