

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

Term-End Examination

June, 2025

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

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage : 75%

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

(ii) All questions carry equal weightage.

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

(a) Distinguish between education as consumption and education as an investment. Analyse the production function in education.

Or

(b) What is the meaning of the term 'economic disparities' in Indian

context ? How can the open and distance learning system contribute to reduction in economic disparities ? Explain with examples.

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

- (a) Explain the relationship between distance education and human resource development.
- (b) Define the meaning of the term 'economics of education'.
- (c) Distinguish between 'cost effectiveness' and 'cost efficiency'.
- (d) Describe the main sources of funding for ODL institutions in Indian context.
- (e) Describe the role of educational planning in expansion of distance education in the context of developing countries.
- (f) Distinguish between fixed cost and variable cost giving suitable examples from distance education institution.

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

- (a) What is Financial Management ?
Explain the principles of a sound financial management system giving examples from the ODL system.

Or

- (b) Describe the cost-benefit analysis. How can it be applied to education ? Justify your answer with suitable examples.

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