

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

Term-End Examination

June, 2026

**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 question in about **1200** words :

- (a) Describe and explain the core functions used at the United Kingdom Open University.

Or

- (b) Discuss how distance education meets the human resource needs of the economy.

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

- (a) Write a brief note on analysis of cost per student at IGNOU.
- (b) Explain the relation between education and employment.
- (c) Explain the concept of performance budgeting.
- (d) Explain the meaning of cost benefit analysis.
- (e) Discuss briefly the statement “Education as consumption and investment”.
- (f) Explain briefly about production function in education.

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

- (a) Discuss core elements and principles of financial management in any Open University.

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Or

(b) Distinguish between the following :

- (i) Fixed and Variable Costs
- (ii) Average and Marginal Costs
- (iii) Consumption *vs.* Investment

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