

MA 3rd Semester Examination 2013
Subject : Education
Paper - X
(Distance Education)

Time : 3 Hrs.

Full Marks : 80

1. Answer any five questions from the following

2×5 = 10

- (a) Why is the open and distance mode of learning also called flexible learning?
- (b) What is the importance of self learning materials in distance education programme?
- (c) What is 'Telecommunication'?
- (d) What is the basic purpose of distance learning?
- (e) When was KKHSOU, Guwahti established? Is it established by an Act of state Legislative Assembly? If so, name the Act.
- (f) What is a 'Virtual University'?
- (g) Define counselling.

2. Answer any three questions from the following

4×3 = 12

- (a) Why is ODL considered as a cost-effective way of imparting education?

- (b) Is open and distance education relevant in the present Indian scenario? Explain.
- (c) What is the significance of student-support services?
- (d) Differentiate between distance learners and conventional learners?
- (e) Explain the role played by e-learning in distance education.

3. Answer any three questions from the following

6×3 = 18

- (a) What are the three main types of teleconferencing? Discuss in detail any one of them.
- (b) Discuss the role played by academic libraries in distance education.
- (c) What is a 'Community Radio'? Name the two community radios of North-East India.
- (d) What is the importance of counselling classes in distance learning?
- (e) 'Research and Evaluation play a major role in the management of the distance education system' - Justify the statement.

4. Answer any four questions from the following

10×4 = 40

- (a) Discuss the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in a distance education programme.
- (b) How can counsellor motivate distance learners to the learning process? Explain citing examples.

- (c) 'Ensuring quality is a major thrust area in ODL System' - Justify the statement.
- (d) How are self learning materials designed and prepared? Discuss fully.
- (e) Give a brief history of Distance Education with special reference to your State.
- (f) Explain the differences between dual mode and single mode institutions. What are the problems faced by both of them. Discuss.

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