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Practice Questions MES-111 (Growth and Philosophy of Distance Education)

1. Trace the historical development of distance education globally. How has it evolved in India?
2. Define distance education. Discuss the key philosophical principles that underpin it.
3. Compare and contrast distance education with traditional face-to-face education.
4. Discuss the contributions of key thinkers such as Otto Peters, Michael Moore, and Holmberg to the theory of distance education.
5. Explain the concept of open learning. How does it relate to distance education?
6. Analyze the role of distance education in democratizing access to higher education in India.
7. What are the main characteristics of distance learners? How should instructional design address their needs?
8. Discuss the significance of learner autonomy and self-directed learning in distance education.
9. Explain the role of instructional media and technology in the delivery of distance education.

10. What are the main pedagogical principles of distance education? How do they influence teaching-learning processes?
11. Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of the dual-mode and single-mode systems of distance education.
12. Discuss the evolution and impact of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) on distance education in India.
13. Explain the role of support services in ensuring the success of distance learners.
14. How is assessment and evaluation conducted in distance education? What are its unique challenges?
15. Discuss the philosophical foundations of lifelong learning and their relevance to distance education.
16. What is the role of distance education in achieving social equity and inclusive education?
17. Examine how distance education contributes to national development goals such as literacy, skill development, and capacity building.
18. Compare the growth and models of distance education in India with that of any other country.
19. Discuss the quality assurance mechanisms in distance education. What role does accreditation play?
20. What are the emerging trends and future prospects of distance education in the context of digital transformation?