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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2011-2012)

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B.V.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2012
BRANCH X – VISUAL ARTS
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : ALLIED – CORE
PAPER : ACADEMIC WRITING
TIME : 3 HOURS
MAX. MARKS : 100

I. Write an essay on the following: (2x25=50)

1. An unforgettable journey by train

(Or)

The person I admire most

2. Do reality shows on TV really do justice to natural talent?

(Or)

How can the young of India contribute to a corruption - free society?

II. Edit and proof read the passage (1x25=25)

a. Is to be a feminist to want to be like a man. I don't think so. On the contrary, to me it has meant an acceptance of my womanhood as a positive thing, not as a lack. An understanding that I am different, not inferior. And how can feminism be anti-men when it is really working for a better, a more meaningful and companionable relationship between men and woman, instead of the uneasy relationship between tyrant and oppressed? When women can fulfill themselves, when they are not depressed and do not have to sacrifice themselves, it will obviate the need to play power games within the home, to thrust ambitions on husbands and children, to work out frustrations on them. Caged in the self for too long and it becomes a dangerous, snarling animal. Go on sacrificing and you create monsters of selfishness. Sacrifice, except for a helpless, dependant infant, has no role in Nature's plan. (I am convinced that the wholly sacrificing Ma of Hindi movies is a male Fantasy.) I believe that the family is not a divine, sacred institution, but one created by humans for the benefit of all society; and therefore, it should be guilt, not on the sacrifice of some, but on the cooperation and compromises of all its members. The loud cry of the new-born is a triumphant assertion of being- I AM. Does a baby girl cry less loudly?

III. Revise and rewrite the following passage (1x25=25)

Shirley Chisholm was the first black woman to run for President of the United States, and be taken seriously. However, almost none of the black political forces in existence at the time – in other words, the black male political forces – supported her nomination. The black man on the street

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seemed either outraged that she dared to run or simply indifferent. The campaign was composed largely of black men and white women.

The reaction of black men to Chisholm's campaign marked the point at which the Black Movement breathed its last as a viable entity. Black male hostility to Chisholm exploded any illusion that blacks might actually be able to sustain a notion of themselves apart from America's racist, sexist influence, a notion essential to their autonomy and inner direction. Misogyny was an integral part of Black Macho.

Meanwhile, the Women's Movement was redefining womanhood for white women in a manner that allowed them to work, to be manless, but still women. White women replaced some of their traditional activities with new ones – consciousness raising, feminist meetings and demonstrations, political campaigns, anti discriminations suits against employers, and the pursuit of an entirely new range of careers. And some white women dragged their men right along with them, not to mention a good many black men.

But the black woman, who had pooh-poohed the Women's Movement, was left with only one activity that was not considered suspect: motherhood. A baby could counteract the damaging effect a career might have upon her feminine image. A baby clarified a woman's course for at least the next five years. No need for her to bother with difficult decisions about whether or not she ought to pursue promotion or return to school for an advanced degree, both of which might attract even more hostility from black men. If she didn't find a man, she might just decide to have a baby anyway.

Although black women have been having babies outside of marriage since slavery, there are several unusual things about the current trend. Whereas unmarried black women with babies have usually lived with extended families, these women tend to brave it alone. Whereas black women of previous generations generally married soon after the baby was born, these women may not and often say they do not wish to marry. Whereas the practice of having babies out of wedlock was generally confined to the poorer classes, it is now not uncommon among middle-class moderately successful black women.
