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

SUBJECT CODE: 11EL/AC/AW34

B.V.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2015
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 in about 750 words: (2x25=50)

1. a. The India I envisage in 2025.

OR

b. The person I admire and would like to emulate.

2. a. What kind of impact do electronic gadgets and social media have on family and personal relationships?

OR

b. In the rat race to acquire fast wealth have we lost our values?

II. Edit and proof read the given passage. Underline wherever you make corrections: (1x25=25)

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness. We eat too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and prey too seldom. We have more possessions, but deduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years of life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We fight more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not wait. We build more computers to store more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less. These are the times of fast foods, and slow digestion, big man and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

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These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of trips quick, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person will grow up and leave your side. Give time to love, speak time to give, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

- III. Revise and rewrite the following passage by organising into paragraphs. You may reorganise the passage for coherence. Delete unnecessary words, if any, to make it concise. Give a title. (1x25=25)**

One of the recent developments in modern technology, cellular phones, can be a threat to safety a study for Donald Redmond and Robert Lim of the university of Toronto shown that cellular phones poses a risk to drivers. In fact people who almost always talk by the phone while driving a car, jeep or even a bike are for times more likely to have an automobile accident than those whom do not use the phone while drive. I like to use my cell phone when I am driving because it is convenient. The researchers studied 699 drivers. Who were in an automobile accident while they were using their cellular phones. The researchers concluded that the main reason for the accidents was not that people used one hand for the telephone and one hand for driving. Instead the cause of accidents were usually that the drivers became distracted angry or upset by the phone call. As a result the drivers' lost concentration. Many people find that monthly plans are more economical than pre-paid plans. Another area of concern is the answering the phone while it is charging. According to Snopes.com, using a cell phone while it being charged does pose a serious danger of electrocution cell phone batteries can sometimes explode and start fires instance, a spate of cell phone accidents were reported in the news in 2004, including a Malaysian man burnt after his cell phone exploded, a South Korean woman's bedset on fire after her SV-130 phone exploded, and a Siemens C45 left charging for 30 minutes exploded, slightly injuring a bystander in southern Vietnam. In 2003 number of cell phone exploded in 2003, many of which were Nokia phones. According to Nokia, third-party or counterfeit batteries were to blame in each and every exploding phone case it investigated. It also found that a majority of shortened circuits that led to these explosions were caused by the devices having undergone traumatic events, being dropped, which further jeopardized the integration of the poorly-manufactured batteries.
