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Paper: **BNEN202DET**

Paper Title: **Reading Essays**

**Time: 2 Hours**

**Total Marks: 35**

**Note:** This question paper consists of three parts: Part – A, Part-B and Part-C. Number of words to answer each question is only indicative. Attempt all parts.

**Part–A** contains 5 compulsory questions of multiple choice/fill in the blank/very short answer type question. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark. **(5x1=5 marks)**

**Part-B** contains 08 questions of which students are supposed to answer 05 questions. Answer each question in approximately 200 words. Each question carries 04 marks. **(5x4=20 marks)**

**Part-C** contains 02 questions of which students are supposed to answer 1 question. Answer each question in approximately 500 words. Each question carries 10 marks. **(1x10=10 marks)**

## PART–A

- i. What was the cause of the death of the great-grandmother in ‘Dream Children?’  
(a) Drowned in the river (b) Met with an accident  
(b) Committed suicide (d) Succumbed to cancer
- ii. What does Bacon advise regarding reading books?  
(a) To criticise (b) To accept everything you read  
(c) To self-reflect (d) To exhibit knowledge
- iii. How does *the essayist Joseph Addison engage in charity, as explained in ‘A Friend of Mankind?’*  
(a) By searching for the philosopher's stone  
(b) By building hospitals  
(c) By distributing food  
(d) By constructing the prayer halls
- iv. Where did the story ‘Shooting an Elephant, take place?’  
(a) The UK (b) Brazil (c) The USA (d) Burma
- v. How does AG Gardiner feel about his knowledge?  
(a) He is proud of his knowledge (b) He humbly admits his limitations

(c) He emphasises on the formal education (d) He is proud of his teachers

### **PART-B**

2. Describe the concept of charity in 'A Friend of Mankind'.
3. How does J. B. Priestley justify his idle lifestyle?
4. Analyse the characteristics of knowledge with the help of the essay 'In Defence of Ignorance'.
5. Critically comment on George Orwell's opinion on imperialism.
6. Comment on irony in Charles Lamb's *Dream Children*.
7. Examine the features of satire and sarcasm in J. B. Priestley's *On Doing Nothing*.
8. How does the essay 'In Defence of Ignorance', correlate knowledge and ignorance?
9. How do the neighbours in 'Dream Children' revere great-grandmother?

### **PART-C**

10. Evaluate the statement "Some books are to be read only in parts; others to be read, but not curiously; and some few are to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention." In 'Of Studies'.
11. Narrate the story of 'Shooting an Elephant'.