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Programme: BA (English)

II Semester Examination, April/May-2026

Course Title: **Reading Essays** Course Code: **BNEN201DET**

Time: **2 Hours** Maximum Marks: **35**

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

Part-A: contains 0**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 100 words. Each question carries 04 marks. **(5x4= 20 marks)**

Part-C: contains **02** questions of which students are supposed to answer **01** question. Answer each question in approximately 250 words. Each question carries **10** marks. **(1x10= 10 marks)**

Part A

1. **Match the following *Essays* with their Author.**

I.	Of Studies	A)	George Orwell
II.	Shooting an Elephant	B)	A. G. Gardiner
III.	In Defence of Ignorance	C)	Francis Bacon
IV.	On Doing Nothing	D)	Joseph Addison
V	A Friend of Mankind	E)	J. B. Priestly

Part B

2. Why does George Orwell shoot the elephant in “Shooting an Elephant”?
3. What are the uses of studies according to the essay “Of Studies” by Francis Bacon?
4. Write a critical note on “A Friend of Mankind”.
5. Discuss the characters in “Dream Children”.
6. Briefly comment on the different types of essay.
7. What do you think about the idea of idleness or leisure in “On Doing Nothing”?
8. Why does A. G. Gardiner argue in favour of Ignorance?
9. Write a critical note on any one type of English essay.

Part C

10. Write an essay on imperialism, power and moral conflict in “Shooting an Elephant”
11. Examine the key features of an English essay with reference to any two essays you studied.

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