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Paper Title: **Reading Essays**

Time: **2 Hours**

Paper Code: **BNEN202DET**

Max. 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 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. Answer all the questions.

- i) Name the French essayist who is considered to be the first essay writer?
- ii) In which literary period was Joseph Addison a key figure?
- iii) What kind of essays did Charles Lamb write?
- iv) In which age did the Periodical essay form developed?
- v) George Orwell's "Shooting an Elephant" is set in:
a) India b) Burma c) Sri Lanka d) England

Part-B

2. Describe the role of imagination in Charles Lamb's 'Dream Children.'
3. How does Bacon classify books in his essay "Of Studies"?
4. What does Priestley mean by "doing nothing"? Is it really "nothing"?
5. Discuss the moral dilemma faced by the narrator in "Shooting an Elephant".
6. Comment on the tone and style of A. G. Gardiner in his essay "In Defence of Ignorance".
7. Examine the elements of satire in J. B. Priestley's "On Doing Nothing".
8. How do the neighbours in "Dream Children" revere great-grandmother?
9. Discuss "On Doing Nothing" as a reflective and philosophical essay.

Part-C

10. Comment on the style of Bacon, Addison and Charles Lamb.
11. Discuss the important themes of Joseph Addison's essay "A Friend of Mankind".
