

Literature can also reflect the cultural and societal values of a particular community or region. For instance, the writings of Gabriel Garcia Marquez, such as "One Hundred Years of Solitude," provide a glimpse into the magical realism and cultural traditions of Latin America, capturing the essence of the region's rich history and folklore. In this way, literature serves as a reflection of society, mirroring its beliefs, customs, and social dynamics.

- (b) Evaluate a book that you have read recently and explain the advantage of buying the book. (5)

6. Write freestyle essay on any ONE of the following topics. (10)

- (a) Election is mandatory
(b) Education is the key to success
(c) Love Marriages Vs Arranged Marriages

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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 50 marks

Answer any FIVE questions.

Each question carries 10 marks.

1. (a) Recall and write about the observations you made on the first day in college. (5)
(b) A stanza 'From the Cheap Seats' by Dom Moraes on Sachin Tendulkar. Attempt to paraphrase and summarize following stanza. (5)

As soon as he comes out, the thunder starts
From fifty thousand throats the sun made dry.

You almost hear the fifty thousand hearts,
In ragged unison, beat for one boy.

2. (a) Read the following situations and develop an argumentative article in not less than 100 words :
What makes Friendship more special than most other relationships? (5)
(b) Read the following topic and analyse the cause and effect of the phenomena and write it in not less than 100 words: (5)

Rash driving and effects

3. (a) Read the following passage and identify the errors in the use of pronouns and possessive adjectives and correct them (5)

He made a steady income for he friends and its made friends easily. But he always said that the money I spend on necessities was boring; the money that was amusing to spend was the money you spent on luxuries. For this she depended on her brother George. They did not waster hers charm on him. George was a serious man and insensible to such enticements. George was respectable: Once or twice he fell to Tom's promises of amendment and gave his considerable sums in order that him might make a fresh start.

- (b) Read the following passage and choose the appropriate form of the verb and fill in the blanks. (5)

As I _____ (lays/lay) on the hill-top this morning at the edge of the beech woods watching the harvesters in the fields, and the sunlight and shadows chasing each other across the valley, it seemed that the centuries _____ (was/were) looking down with me. For the hill-top _____ (is/are) scored with memories, as an old school book _____ (are/is) scored with the names of generations of scholars. Nearby _____ (is/are) the earthworks of the ancient Britons.

4. (a) Here are the details of the book. Write in MLA style with appropriate punctuation. (5)

Name of the author : Mulk Raj Anand
Title of the book : Across Black Waters
Name of the Publisher : Orient Paperbacks
Place of Publication : Delhi
Year of Publication : 2000

- (b) Analyse any one of the short stories which you have recently read. (5)

5. (a) Rewrite and finalise the essay on the topic –Literature is a Mirror of Life, in 300 words. (5)

Literature has always been an integral part of human culture, serving as a mirror that reflects the complexities, nuances, and truths of real life. Whether in the form of novels, poetry, drama, or essays, literature has the unique ability to capture the human experience and provide insights into the world we live in.

One of the fundamental ways in which literature reflects real life is by capturing the societal norms, values, and ideologies of a particular time and place. Literature often reflects the social, cultural, and political issues of its era, providing readers with a glimpse into the prevailing beliefs, customs, and attitudes of a society.