



Value of Literature for professionals

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Abstract

Literature is a term used to describe written and sometimes spoken material works of literature, provide a kind of blueprint of human society. It refers to the realm of letters and the writings of a particular period, mostly those whose value lies in the beauty of form or emotional effect. Technology is the science of the industrial arts. Scientists have played an important role in promoting human welfare, but the benefits of science may not have reached the masses, at any rate in ample measure, without technological devices and practical applications.

Professional communication is a central factor in the emerging knowledge society, where the technocrats and professionals in different areas face new communication challenges. The fast growth of technical knowledge coupled with the development of sophisticated information technology has changed the way we communicate in professional situation. The word technical as defined by the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary refers to something "connected with the practical use of machinery, methods etc. in science and industry." Technical communication, therefore means the transmission of facts, figures, ideas and all sorts of scientific and technical information from one individual to another.

The study of literature encourages empathy, tolerance for diversity, imagination and emotional intelligence which is the understanding of feelings, both of one's own and others. A piece of literature acts on the students' emotions, interests, remains in their memories because represents the particular voice of the writer among the many voices of his/her community and thus to appeal to the particular in the reader.

Literature comes to identify collection of texts. A literary work is equated with a collection of stories, poems, and plays that prominently focused upon a particular text. Literature helps the professionals to get familiar with the socio - political background of target language society and also makes them understand how communication takes place in a particular community. This broadens the understanding of human nature. Literature deals with universal issues by creating a thought among the people that they are also the part of the whole humanity. Professionals can learn the various structures and functions of language through literary work. By reading literature the professionals can develop language skills unconsciously without much effort. It helps the learners to get familiar with different walk of life. Literature gives professional exposure to meaningful contexts full of descriptive language and interesting characters. It introduce an intense range of vocabulary, prose, debates, group - discussions and dialogues that can be used to prepare the learner's to communicate the language by using the new words which they learn from the literally texts. Literature helps the learns to develop interpretative abilities. Literature reading can make professionals more conscious, reflective and creative and thereby speed up their language learning process.

When reading literary works, the professionals practice and develop their reading skills and strategies, which contribute to development of their fluency and proficiency.

Good literature makes a lasting impact on the human mind; It entertains, instructs and ennobles the spirit of human beings; It does not debase or corrupt the mind in any way, and it certainly does not lead to destruction on any section of mankind. Science and its handmaid, technology, however, have placed in the hands of man vicious and highly destructive tools in the shape of lethal weapons the like of which he has never had before. Literature builds, but technology, if misused by vicious statesman and politicians, may cause havoc on a massive scale, destroying both literature and technologists without discrimination.

Culture and literature, after all, indicate the cultivation of man's inner nature. Culture prompts men and women to seek perfection; they are not motivated by curiosity and the endless sense of enquiry which characterize scientists and technologists. Literature expresses feelings and inner most thoughts and ambitions, while technology has other ends and other fields to explore. Literature helps professionals deal with their problems. By finding out about the problems of others through books, professionals receive insights into dealing with their own problems, a process called bibliotherapy. Literature provides pleasure to listeners and readers. It is relaxing escape from daily problems, and it fills leisure moments. Making time for recreational reading and using high quality literature help to develop enthusiastic readers.

Literature is a reflection of the society is a fact that has been widely accepted. Literature portrays the society, its bright values and its dark. In its corrective function, literature reflects the drawbacks of the society with a view to making the society realize its mistakes & and make corrections. It also projects the real values in the society for people to emulate. Literature is a follower of human activities and actions often shows a picture of what people think, say and do in the society. In this way literature records the real - life events from the society and converts these mundane activities into wherever needed.

Science and technology provide knowledge and power and both affect human life at several points, though the extent and utility of the applications are determined by our culture, our wisdom and our priorities. Literature reflects the moods and emotions of the times in which it is produced; it is conditioned by the reflexes which, in turn, we created by the impact of science and technology. Modern professionals increasingly dominate the word, and the domination is likely to become more pronounced in future because of the fast developments tending to subdue creative human thinking and expression. It is literature that offers the chance to arrive at the point to understand the true meaning and worth of life.

Professionals who study literature and read for pleasure have a higher vocabulary, better reading comprehension and better communication skills, such as writing skills and speaking skills. Communication skills affect people in every area of their lives, from navigating interpersonal relationships to participating in meetings in the work place to drafting intra office memos or reports. When professionals analyze literature they learn to identify cause and effect and are applying critical thinking skills. Without realizing it, they examine the characters psychologically or sociologically. They identify the characters' motivations for their actions and see through those actions to any ulterior motives.

When planning an essay on a work of literature, professionals use problem-solving skills to come up with a thesis and follow through on compiling their paper. It takes research skills to dig-up evidence for their thesis from the text and scholarly criticism, and it takes organizational skills to present their argument in a coherent, cohesive manner.

Literature not only expands professionals word-powers; it also inspires them to write articulately and coherently. It means professionals will be able to write in clear sentences that flow well and are easily understood using correct paragraph structures and grammar. Professionals can write in sophisticated sentences and adjust their writing for different readers such as those in the workplace and those outside of the workplace.

Teaching literature to professionals in the technical education institutions has many advantages. Professionals are more bright, more receptive and more enthusiastic. They also lose interest quickly and as their attention cannot be focused on a subject for a long time. That is why the teacher should use general activities in teaching literature and focus on the learner. The purpose of introducing literature to the professionals is not only to develop speaking and thinking but also to offer behavioral models which will contribute to forming professionals' personality.

Literature is the reflection of the life in all its vivid forms and shapes. Literature is the mirror of the life and society. It depends upon the writer where he has placed the mirror. From time to time writers have been exploring the different dimensions of the relationship between man and society. Every age has its own compulsions, complications, fears, aspirations and logic which characterize the work of that time.

Some studies say that those who read literature have more empathy for others, as literature presents the reader into another person's shoes. Having empathy for others leads people to socialize more effectively, solve conflicts peacefully, collaborate better in the workplace, behave morally, and possibly even become involved in making their community a better place along with positivity.

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