

**2024 END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMS – LITERATURE-IN-ENGLISH 2 SOLUTION**  
**LITERATURE-IN-ENGLISH**  
**SHS ONE**

1a. **Literature** can be defined as any written or spoken work that expresses ideas, emotions, or stories in a structured and artistic manner. It encompasses various forms such as poetry, prose, drama, and essays.

b. **Oral Literature** refers to literary works that are passed down verbally from one generation to another without being recorded in writing. It includes forms like folktales, legends, myths, epic poetry, proverbs, and songs. On the other hand, **Written Literature** refers to literary works that are recorded in written form, such as novels, short stories, poems, plays, and essays.

c. **The three main genres of literature are:**

1. **Poetry:** It uses rhythmic and metaphorical language to evoke emotional responses and convey ideas. Poetry often employs various forms and structures like sonnets, haikus, and free verse.
2. **Prose:** It is written or spoken language in its ordinary form, without metrical structure. Prose includes novels, short stories, essays, and most forms of fiction and non-fiction.
3. **Drama:** is literature intended for performance, typically involving dialogue and action. It includes plays, scripts, and theatrical performances.

2 a. **Three importance of studying Literature are:**

1. **Cultural Insight:** Literature offers insights into different cultures, societies, and historical periods. Studying literature helps individuals understand the values, beliefs, and traditions of various communities.
2. **Empathy and Understanding:** Literature enables readers to empathize with characters from diverse backgrounds and experiences. By exploring different perspectives through literature, individuals develop greater empathy and understanding of human emotions and behaviors.
3. **Critical Thinking and Analysis:** Analyzing literary texts requires critical thinking skills such as interpretation, evaluation, and synthesis. Studying literature enhances analytical abilities and fosters intellectual growth.

b. Poetry is written in **verse** and **stanzas**.

c. Prose is written in **sentences** and **paragraphs**.

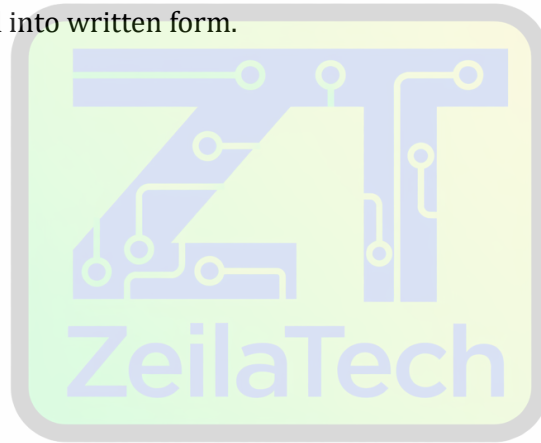
### 3 a. Three characteristics of oral Literature include:

1. **Performance:** Oral literature is often meant to be performed or recited aloud, involving elements of rhythm, intonation, and gesture.
2. **Variability:** Oral literature can vary over time and across different tellers or performers. Each retelling may incorporate slight variations or embellishments.
3. **Cultural Preservation:** Oral literature serves as a means of preserving cultural heritage, transmitting knowledge, values, and traditions from one generation to the next.

b. Literature is derived from a Latin word "**litteratura**", which originally referred to writing formed with letters.

c. Example of oral Literature:

The Epic of Gilgamesh, an ancient Mesopotamian epic poem, is an example of oral literature that was eventually transcribed into written form.



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