



LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND SOCIETY

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Abstract

The words, language and literature are familiar to everyone living in a society especially literates. Perhaps these two words are very commonly used not only for literary works but also in various fields like, medical science, computer science and all other subjects of studies. It is believed that Language, Literature and Society are inseparable because they grow with each other. But very few people know the real meaning of language and literature in a wide sense. This paper is proposed to discuss the definition, meaning, function of language and literature and the difference between language and literature besides how they are related to the Society. We study language because we want to speak and communicate with others but why do we study literature? How is Literature related to Society?

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“Language is the blood of the soul into which thoughts run and out of which they grow.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Language is a vital tool for communication. Language is human in its characteristics since only human possess it in a systematic form. Though, animals possess a system of communication, but it is not developed accurately. A child learns the language of the society which he lives in. The entire frame of culture and civilization fully depends upon language. Language is the means of communication among human beings through which human community grows and develops in this globe. The society cannot be thought of without language. It defines the approach of human behaviour. Language generates thoughts and leads the entire frame of culture and civilization.

It is not only a means of communicating thoughts and ideas, but it builds relationships like, friendship, cultural ties etc., making the Globalization simple which means uniting the whole world into a single society. This is how