

B.A III SEM VI

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Literary terms

1. **Monologue:** - A monologue is a speech presented by a single character most often to express their mental thoughts aloud, sometime directly address to another characters or to the audience.
2. **Soliloquy:** A soliloquy is a speech, in a play in which a character who is alone on the stage, speaks his thoughts and their feelings. The Soliloquy is an accepted dramatic convention. Hamlet, Macbeth and Othello all dramas have major soliloquies.
Example: Hamlet said ``to be or not to be that`s the question ``
3. **Catharsis:** - Aristotle described the effect of tragedy as a catharsis of the Spectators emotion ``through pity and fear.`` The term commonly denotes the purification of the emotions through the spectator`s imaginative participation in the sufferings of the tragedy`s characters and the feelings of emotional relief and exaltation induced by tragic literature or art.
4. **Denouement:-** It may be the events following the major climax of a plot at the end of a story or play. In tragedy, denouement revealed the tragic end of the hero. In comedy there is happy ending.
5. **Dramatic Irony:-**When the audience understand the implication and meaning of a situation on the stage or what is being said but the character do not understand, It is common in tragedy and comedy. Exa:- Sir Piter Teazle in School of Scandal does not know his wife is behind the screen when he is talking about her to Joseph Surface.
6. **Three Unities:-** three unities in drama , the three principles derived by French Classicist from Aristotle`s poetics, they require a play to have a single action (Unity of Action) represented as occurring in a single place(Unity of place) and within the course of a day(unity of time).These principles were called respectively unity of action, Unity of Place and Unity of time
7. **Cosmic irony:-** Cosmic Irony is sometime called Irony of fate. It is the idea that human fate and destiny is controlled by outside forces, even gods, who do not care about humans or their hopes and dreams. Cosmic Irony is created when situation is opposite of what is expected,and sometimes it is strangely amusing or so incredible.

