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APPLICATION OF PROSE AND POETRY TO DEVELOP SOFT SKILLS AMONG THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF ANDHRA PRADESH

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Abstract:

Basically, that's what literature is all about. It's the folks who went before us, tapping out messages from the past, from beyond the grave, attempting to inform us about life and death! They're right! Dolly Parton This period of time is depicted vividly in literature. Inspiration, confidence, emotional stability, and problem-solving capability all stem from it. Readers are energised by it. Reading the memoirs of famous individuals may be a tremendous source of motivation and inspiration. In order to grow as a person, it is critical to have a strong set of soft skills. In today's workplace, soft skills take up the majority of the workload. Because Soft Skills are important for personal, social, and professional success, students who study them in high school will benefit in all three areas. Soft Skills may be more easily developed if literature can be well comprehended. The purpose of this study is to provide an overview of the extent to which the prose and poetry included in the high school curriculum in Andhra Pradesh aids in the development of Soft Skills among the high school students.

Key Words:

Skills, Qualities, Personal Development, Career, Prose and Poetry are all terms used to describe what we call soft skills.

Introduction:

Students come from rural, semi-urban, and metropolitan locations to attend school. Students' abilities are influenced by their families and the environment. Students are influenced by their parents' educational qualifications, family circumstances, economic status, the location they live in, and the society they are a part of. Teachers in schools have the responsibility of developing each student's mental and emotional well-being. Communication, Time Management, Stress Management, and Analytical and Problem Solving Skills are all examples of soft skills. Professional success requires a strong foundation in logical reasoning and effective leadership. Personal and social success depends on the ability to make decisions, solve problems, interact with others, manage stress, believe in oneself, deal with emotions, and communicate effectively. Students can use the literature in their syllabus to build and improve their soft skills and life skills.

The High School Curriculum:



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Andhra Pradesh's new high school curriculum was implemented in 2011-2012 in accordance with the Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) (CCE). The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) instituted the CCE evaluation scheme in 2009. A poem and a prose lesson are included in each of the six units in the New Syllabus. There is a common theme for all of the units. Personality Development, Wit and Humor, Human Relations, Film and Theater, Bio Diversity, and Nation & Diversity are some of the topics covered in X's class syllabus. Following the lecture, students will be able to improve their communication skills by participating in additional activities such as listening and reading comprehension. Skills in L.S.R.W. can be honed through activities like as conversation, letter writing, interviews, and context description. Students' personality development benefits from studying the lives and experiences of famous people.

Personality Development:

As a starting point, consider the concept of altitude. Nick Vujicic, a torso who was born in Melbourne, Australia and now lives in Los Angeles, is the subject of this narrative. It's time for the next lesson: Every Success Story Is Also a Story of Great Failure. Abraham Lincoln, Lee De Forest, Thomas Alva Edison, Walt Disney, and Colonel Sanders are just a few of the famous people profiled in this lesson. Students are greatly energised by hearing about the real-life

experiences of others. Through the story of Nick, we learn how to overcome our physical limitations and how to cope in a world where others are always discouraging us. To understand how to deal with life's problems, this narrative begins with Nick's father putting him in the sea at the tender age of eleven months. Nick informed his mother at the age of eight that he wanted to commit suicide. This explains why people get discouraged, depressed, and prone to making poor choices as a result of their circumstances. His mother, on the other hand, spurs him on and serves as an inspiration to a wide range of individuals. "I saw why God had designed us this this, to inspire others." I was so moved by the article's words of inspiration that I resolved to use my life to inspire and uplift others in the same way that it had inspired me. I also resolved to be grateful for what I do have rather than get angry about what I don't have, which helped me better understand the meaning of life. an individual's unique significance in the world It is clear from his narrative that a person who overcomes a disability and adversity may inspire generations to come. Before he became president of the United States at the age of 52, Abraham Lincoln had had a lot of setbacks in his life.

Although he failed in his business at the age of 21, lost his fiancée at 26, suffered a mental breakdown at the age of 27, and lost four senate elections before becoming the President of the United States, he never gave up hope until he was elected to office. Inventor Lee De Forest was publically attacked by the public. Col. Sanders was a successful entrepreneur. At the age of 65, he began his own business. Remembered what his mother had taught him,



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and went into business for himself. Before he received his first order, he had knocked on over a thousand doors. This demonstrates tenacity and unwavering resolve. They persevered through several setbacks in their life, refusing to succumb to the voices of negativity and self-doubt. Students benefit much from these teachings in terms of their personal growth.

Students today have to struggle to solve even the most basic of problems. For pupils who fail to control their stress, grades and positions become a burden. Only students succumb to the temptations of drugs and pornography as a result of this stress. The number of students taking their own lives due to stress and sadness has risen in recent years. Stress management, problem solving, and self-confidence are the root causes of all of these bad habits. This issue can be alleviated by taking Personality Development classes.

Ethics, Values and Human Relations:

Value Students at the high school level place a high value on education. Teachers are losing favour with students. Teachers used to be revered in the old world, but that reverence has all but vanished among today's youth. Harmony and excellent relationships can only be achieved if people show respect for one another. Because of a lack of understanding of human connection, relationship depletion is on the rise in today's society. What I Learned The parents' hopes and struggles for their children are depicted in Journey. The protagonist in this story was a well-educated man who spent five months at his hometown. The bus station is a long way out of the village for them. Initially, he

was reluctant to carry the luggage because of his rank; but, after two days, his father arrived and helped him bring the suitcase home. They then set off on their journey, traversing the hills and rocks that his father used to walk on barefoot, but the protagonist was completely unaware until his father asked him for an old pair of shoes since it hurts to go barefoot. The story's overarching theme is:

the parental affection. They are willing to go through everything for the sake of their children, but they can't even conceive what it's like for their children to be in a situation where they are struggling. Parents are constantly concerned about their children's dignity, and they will not allow it to be lost. Children must show respect for their parents and consider the sacrifices their parents have made in order to provide a better future for their children in this lesson.

What Is My Name illustrates the many responsibilities that women play in the household and society. The major subject of this story is one should honour the person who constantly labour for the welfare of the family. A person's name serves as a sign of their uniqueness and identifies them to the world. For the sake of this lesson, Housewife Sarada has forgotten her own name. When she's in this predicament, she's forced to reflect on her own identity. When Sarada's father married her to a well-educated man, she became the housewife she always wanted to be. As a result of her marriage, her husband now refers to her as "yemoui" (the Japanese word for "wife"), her children call her "amma," and her mother-in-law calls her "ammayi." Both her husband and



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his mother in law had no idea what she was called. Sarada becomes depressed as a result of it. Her childhood friend, Parimala, came to see her one day and reminisced about their days together and her abilities. Seeing this makes her happy, and she proudly displays her collection of artworks. Relationships that are based on mutual respect will last a long time.

Gabriel Okara's poem "Once Upon a Time" depicts the generational divide between the past and the present. In this poem, he asks his kid how he may lead a life like a youngster who is unaffected by the hypocrisy he sees in the world. People used to laugh and love with their hearts once upon a time, but today it's all about the money. In our materialistic environment, human values have diminished. Things take precedence over relationships in terms of importance. As the circumstances and the people around him changed, he honed his mask-wearing skills. The problem is that he does not want to be like that. He poked fun at a culture that teaches individuals to live a life of routine. It is hypocrisy that ultimately leads to the dissolution of interpersonal connections and the loss of an individual's distinctive identity.

Communication Skills:

L.S.R.W. Skills, for example, are given higher weight in this Syllabus. These talents are intertwined with the syllabus's prose and poetry. To help students develop their Creativity and Critical Thinking skills, questions, exercises, and project work are included in the syllabus. When Nick informed his mother that

he wanted to kill himself, what was the conversation like? In this video, Nick demonstrates how to use a

In the wake of his mother's intervention, he no longer feels the need to take his own life and has gone on to be a role model and source of inspiration for countless others. Thus, his mother's actions must be supported by the fictitious dialogue. Students' capacity to think creatively and solve problems is enhanced as a result. Another question was asked of Nick Vujicic during an interview regarding his life and career. This practise teaches students how to better tailor their questions to the context in which they are being asked. Public lectures necessitate the application of speaking and reading skills. Students will benefit from these in their professional careers in the future.

Conclusion:

Family, friends, and the broader community all have an impact on a person in different ways. A person's outlook and pace might be influenced by an educational institution. The influence of literature on one's character development cannot be overstated. People are greatly influenced by the words of the greats. As a young guy of 13, Nick came across a story in the newspaper about a crippled man who had accomplished much and helped many people. This is a great illustration of how reading can spur action in readers. There are a lot of people that read books, but they don't get the same sense of inspiration as others. Literature has an impact on people based on their degree of study and comprehension. The difference isn't in the writing; rather, it's in the way people



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think. The sword can't bring about the transformation that literature can. Hence There is a great deal of research to be done in this field about how to comprehend and teach literature.

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