

THE AFFECT OF TECHNOLOGY ON LITERATURE

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Abstract:

Literature reminds us about the creation of stories with facts and adventures of a particular time and period mostly those values are treasured in the form of emotions and ethical effects. Technology is a science as well as an art. Many authors and scientists have played an important role in promoting human values, but the outcome of science has not reached its full strength without the technological machinery with its applications. We live in such a time of science and technology, and people who understand a rather outward view of recent-day developments and begin to experience the technology of the future. Thus, the importance of literature seems to be poor and neglected. Science knows and affects human lives at many stages but its usage is determined by our culture and tradition. Nevertheless, literature stirs up the minds and hearts of the times and it is conditioned by the reflexes which in turn are created by the impact of technology. Technology dominates the world and the domination is likely to become more pronounced in the future because the past developments may end creative human thinking and expressions. This would put literature in a feeble place in the future. It is believed that the routine way of life by which we are controlled and managed by more computers and electronic devices of all kinds will eventually saturate the innovative minds of writers, poets, and authors. Social media, mobile apps, etc., have greatly impacted students of the times in their thinking and behavior affecting their listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills. The present paper focuses on "The Affect of Technology on Literature".

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Introduction:

Many of us, the common people have the understanding of literature as only writing stories and books for educational institutions. Although it is true, literature has more to contribute to our day-to-day lives.

Literature comes from the Latin word "LITERA" which means "writing formed with letters". So, literature is a group of works of art made up of words. English literature includes different types of literature. They are poetry, prose, drama, non-fiction and media. When we look at technology, it is the skills, methods, and processes which are used to achieve goals. Technology is also the way

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we apply scientific knowledge for practical purposes in which machines and technics are used to produce Computers and Electronic devices.

History tells us what people did, but literature tells us what they were thinking.

“Let us see how technology has taken over Literature”

Incidents from the history remind us and take us to the future not leaving us at present times in our feelings and emotions and tragedies from the past. Knowingly or unknowingly, we use literature in many ways and forms and it has been our companion from the beginning, both in times of good and bad. Before the advancement in technology and its usage in science and arts existed in human life, for entertainment or any other reason, learning was the priority and was linked with literature. In the modern days of technology, man learned to adopt various methods to express their feelings, thoughts, and actions through technology completely ignoring literature. People learn reading and writing from school and that has always been the foundation of literature but technology has a great influence on the present-day generation to switch over from one to another without any proper understanding for their satisfaction. Technology has also both good and bad sides to its coin but the students should not be ignorant of the facts of its sides. So, endurance teaches a man to choose in his wisdom the importance of literature.

Influence of Technology on Listening Skills

Listening is one of the hardest skills to develop and self-awareness is a key part of this process. ‘Listening’ involves giving exclusive attention to the words and ‘Active Listening’ involves giving full attention to the speaker to understand the complete message.

Active listening plays a pivotal role in building communication skills for students which are essential inside and outside the classroom. Skill is acquired through practice, so students have to master the skill of listening.

A study by Microsoft revealed that the overuse of Cell phones has dwindled the human attention span from 12 seconds in the year 2000 to 8 seconds in 2013. It is observed as the night goes on, even the chat over the phone goes on. The common phrase from them would be “what? I did not hear”.

The whole world is influenced by digital gadgets, which have influenced listening skills. So, the art of listening is getting lost because of digital distractions.

“Are you listening?” has become a common phrase for all teachers. The wide-ranging use of electronic devices in colleges and at home has become a major problem these days. Students are always misled with a lot of distractions while using electronic devices and they are unable to listen and concentrate on anything after a short period.

There are numerous advantages of teaching through technology but students tend to succumb to the incorrect use of technology.

Influence of Technology on Reading Skills

In education, reading continues to be one of the most important topics. Reading literature can help students by introducing them to various cultures, social structures, lifestyles of different periods, etc. Reading literature encourages children to think and analyze, develop their views and share thoughts about literature. Reading books will improve vocabulary, language growth, and reading comprehension. Our horizons will be broadened when we read literature, we will try to understand and learn about people from different parts of the world. We are exposed to know different characters; with that we can associate and can be excited to learn that our thoughts and feelings are also experienced by someone else. For these reasons, literature helps us to be sensitive to human experiences and take appropriate decisions in our day-to-day lives.

According to research, while reading, the brain not only uses sight but also touch. In recent times students started reading from the screen which means the user can jump from one spot to another with the click of a button and then to another and it goes on affecting their reading. Consequently, reading online affected the reading skills of students.

Children depend on technology which prevents them from building their reading skills and sometimes may miss them for their lifetime. Especially as students go to the next level, they feel the lack of continuity, which can stop them from becoming good readers, writers, and thinkers. For a student, reading literature helps them to polish their writing skills and expand their vocabulary.

Influence of Technology on Writing Skills

By reading literature we come across different works and writing styles. If reading is done keenly then it will pave the way to improve writing skills. Reading classic novels will help us to expand

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our vocabulary and critical thinking, which in turn will improve our writing skills. Writing skills play an important role in communication. It nurtures our capacity to describe and improve our thoughts to others and ourselves. Writing skills are improved when we study literature that will help us to imitate the style of others and eventually helps us in developing a style of our own. This will enhance our technics for writing stories and describing characters. It also helps us to have our interesting ideas as ‘Margaret Atwood’ Hag-Seed’ is modern writing of ‘The Tempest’ by Shakespeare.

As we keep writing, it teaches us ways to succeed and avoid pitfalls and helps us to enjoy our reading and writings

Technology is developing very rapidly and in different ways and it seems difficult to catch the pace. Technology is influencing almost every aspect of learning and it makes the biggest impact on our reading and writing.

Students tend to write in short forms and when asked to write essays they find it extremely difficult to cope with and struggle to write a well-planned essay. Nowadays text became informal for students. The internet has developed slang that many students are using in their writing. Technology can be used for students who have learning or specific disabilities. However, certain elements of technology have impacted reading and writing in negative ways.

Influence of Technology on Speaking Skills

A necessary tool for communication is speaking and these skills help us communicate effectively. A skilled person can speak confidently and fluently.

To enhance speaking skills, one should know the right usage of words, grammar, and fluency, and these skills are helpful in almost every area of life. Especially, these skills help us to excel in workplaces and personal lives.

An effective speaker will certainly be esteemed highly because he gives an edge over everyone in the class or outside the class. Effective speaking can change HISTORY. Good speakers can associate and comprehend with people and hence make them approachable to people for their counsel and guidance.

Children are given complete access to technology and they are growing up using it. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), in 1970, stated that children start watching TV by four years and today children start to interact with technology by four months of age. This affected

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the children in interactions with people. They are learning to use cartoon language and behave like cartoon characters. Research shows that increased usage or watching of videos affects children severely in language delay i.e., difficulty in developing language and literary skills. Children forgot to interact with people which affected their speaking skills.

Nowadays text messages have exploited many important aspects of human interconnections and barred the intonation of voice, tone, and facial expressions. It affected the ability to gauge the actual time situation. Using certain technology by the children has dwindled their speaking skills. For example, children find it very difficult to speak face-to-face which is important for healthy and normal development.

Thus, the more students practice speaking, the better they get to master in speaking. Students have to engage themselves in conversations which enhance their communication skills and help them to build confidence and self-esteem. Practicing speaking leads to the development of writing, listening, and reading skills.

Conclusion:

My concern is, the usage of literature has lost importance in technological times overshadowing the creative brains of authors and writers. Literature played a very important role in history and will play a very important role in the emerging modern technological age. It has been always the priority in the education days system and even in other areas of human lives from the start of our school days. From the beginning, literature has a very vital role in teaching and making our path straight. It has been a guide to travelers, students, and teachers in enhancing listening, writing, reading, and speaking skills. This modern technology cannot influence mankind, as literature has already done that. Therefore, the art of listening, writing, reading, and speaking skills can be developed in the light of literature but not with the technology prepared in books, in which the thinking or ideas will gradually depend on the technological devices but lose the natural way of applying to the circumstances and situations.

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