

## *Literary criticism*

**Definition** : It is the interpretation, analysis, classification and ultimately the judgement of literary works.

**The task of literary critic** is to explain and attempt to reach a critical understanding of what literary text means in terms of language, as well as social, political and cultural statements and suggestions.

Literary criticism is **vital** .It the second most important element next to the text and the author itself.

**The functions of literary criticism it** is to interpret literature in way that will increase understanding.

**Develop writing skills** : literary criticism will not only help students to better understand literature, but will also help them to write it.

### *Questions*

1. Define literary criticism ?
2. State the functions of literary criticism ?
3. What is the task of literary critic ?