

Passages

Nature

Nature writing is nonfiction or fiction prose or poetry about the natural environment. Nature writing encompasses a wide variety of works, ranging from those that place primary emphasis on natural history facts (such as field guides) to those in which philosophical interpretation predominate. It includes natural history essays, poetry, essays of solitude or escape, as well as travel and adventure writing.

Nature writing often draws heavily on scientific information and facts about the natural world; at the same time, it is frequently written in the first person and incorporates personal observations of and philosophical reflections upon nature.

Modern nature writing traces its roots to the works of natural history that were popular in the second half of the 18th century and throughout the 19th. An important early figure was the "parson-naturalist" Gilbert White (1720 – 1793), a pioneering English naturalist and ornithologist. He is best known for his *Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne* (1789).

Read the passage and choose the most appropriate option

Q1. Nature writing emphasizes on

- i. Historical facts about the nature
- ii. Philosophical interpretations of the nature
- iii. Scientific information and facts

Choose the most appropriate

- a) None of the above
- b) Only (i) and (ii)
- c) All the above
- d) Only (i) and (ii)

Q2. Based on the passage what is period to which the modern nature writing can be traced to

- a) 1850 till 1999
- b) 1850 to 1899
- c) 1750 till 1899
- d) 1750 till 1900

Q3. Which statement summarizes the above passage

- a) The passage talks about the life and lessons of Gilbert White, a profound naturalist and ornithologist.
- b) The passage talks about how the nature writing is missing in the modern era and needs to be revived.
- c) The passage talks about from where the writers draw inspiration for nature writing, and how its importance is diminishing in the modern era.
- d) The passage talks about what nature writing is, the different types of nature writing, its style, and about the roots and pioneer of modern nature writing.

Q4. Which word aptly describes the word "reflections" as used in the passage

- a) Opinion
- b) Reproduction
- c) Images
- d) None of the above

Q5. According to the passage, what kind of works are written as part of nature writing?

- i. Natural history essays and essays of solitude or escape
- ii. Poetry

iii. Travel and adventure writing

Choose the correct options

- a) Only (i)
- b) Only (i) and (ii)
- c) Only (ii) and (iii)
- d) All the above

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