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I am delighted to introduce our university's inaugural e-magazine by Department of English, SBBU-SBA, which is a vibrant platform showcasing our community's achievements, innovation and creativity.

As we continue to navigate the complexities of 21st century, our university remains committed to fostering a culture of excellence, inclusivity, and social responsibility.

This e-magazine "English Galaxia" highlights the outstanding works of our students, faculty and alumni, demonstrating our institutions dedication to academic rigor, creative expression, and community engagement.

I commend the editorial team and contributors for their hard work and dedication in bringing this magazine to life. I encourage you to explore new pages, discover new perspectives, and celebrate collective successes.

Together, let us continue to inspire, educate and empower each other.





### PROFESSOR DR SALMAN BASHIR MEMON

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I am thrilled to see the launch of "SBBU English Galaxia" the premier E-magazine of our esteemed Department of English, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Shaheed Benazeerabad. This magazine embodies the academic excellence, creativity, and innovative spirit that our university strives to foster.

As the Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, I am proud to see our students, faculty, and alumni showcasing their talents, research, and ideas through this platform. SBBU English Galaxia represents the best of our academic community, and I am confident that it will inspire and motivate our readers to achieve greatness.

I commend the editorial team for their tireless efforts in bringing this magazine to life. I encourage all contributors to continue sharing their work, and I invite readers to engage with the ideas and perspectives presented in these pages.

I wish the magazine continued success and look forward to seeing the impact it will have on our academic community



Welcome to the latest edition of SBBU English Galaxia, your premier e-magazine for all things space, science, and innovation! As your Chief Editor, I am thrilled to share with you the exciting features and stories that make up this issue.

In this edition, we take you on a journey through the cosmos, exploring the latest discoveries and advancements in space exploration. From the mysteries of dark matter to the wonders of explanatory life, our team of expert writers and researchers have curated a selection of articles that will leave you star struck.



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But SBBU English Galaxia is more than just a magazine - it's a community. We are proud to feature contributions from readers like you, who share their passion for space and science with us. Whether it's a photo of the night sky, a poem about the cosmos, or a personal story of inspiration, we celebrate the creativity and curiosity that drives us all.

As we continue to explore the vast expanse of the universe, we are reminded of the infinite possibilities that lie before us. At SBBU English Galaxia, we are committed to inspiring and educating, to sparking the imagination and fueling the curiosity of our readers.

Thank you for joining us on this journey. We hope you enjoy this edition of SBBU English Galaxia, and we look forward to sharing many more adventures with you in the future



### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



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Welcome to the inaugural issue of "Galaxia", the premier literary and intellectual journal of Department of English, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Shaheed Benazeerabad. As the editor, I am thrilled to introduce this cosmic canvas, where creativity knows no bounds and ideas shine brighter than stars.

In the vast expanse of academia, "Galaxia" aims to be a beacon of innovation, showcasing the diverse talents of our students, faculty, and alumni. This magazine is a testament to the university's commitment to fostering a culture of critical thinking, artistic expression, and intellectual curiosity.

Within these pages, you will encounter a galaxy of perspectives, from poetry and fiction to essays and visual arts. Each contribution represents a unique constellation of ideas, crafted with passion and dedication.

As we embark on this literary journey, we invite you to join us in exploring the infinite possibilities of the human mind.

Let "Galaxia" be your guide to the uncharted territories of knowledge, creativity, and inspiration.

Together, let us create a cosmic legacy of "Galaxia" E-magazine that will illuminate the multiple paths for the generations to come.



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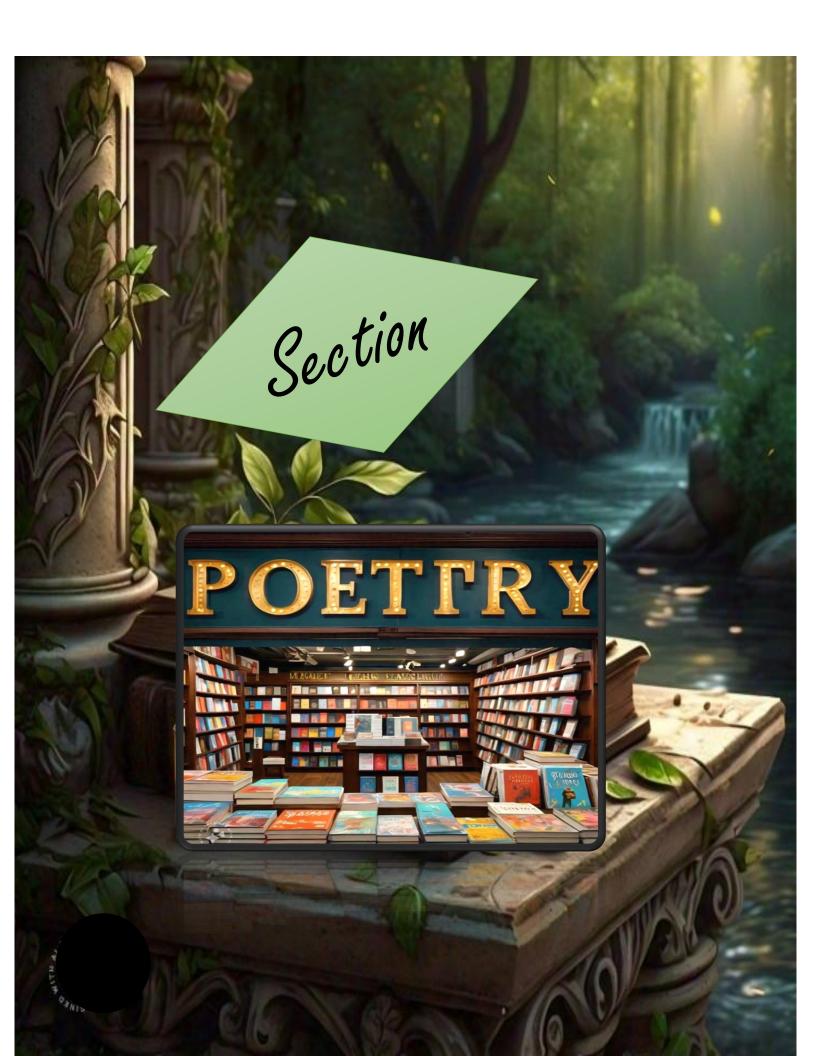
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### **Beauties of SBBU-SBA**

Amidst the beauties of villages, a campus lies

Where knowledge meets the skies

A hub of learning, where minds take flights

Where dreams are born, and future shine bright

(2)

The buildings stand, with walls so strong

A testament to the knowledge, where heart belong

The Classroom buzz, with ideas so free

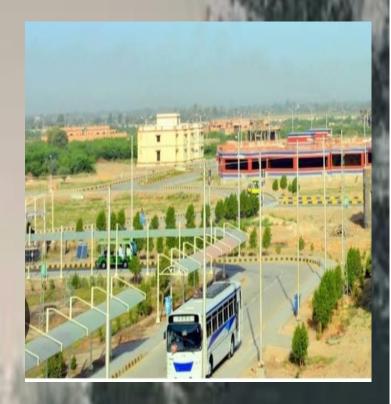
Where minds coverage, in harmony

The students walks, with steps so bold

Their futures unfolding, like a story yet untold

Their laughter echoes, with joy so true

A campus alive with a spirit a new



A The liberty's treasure, a wealth to share

Where pages turn, and wisdom's gained with care

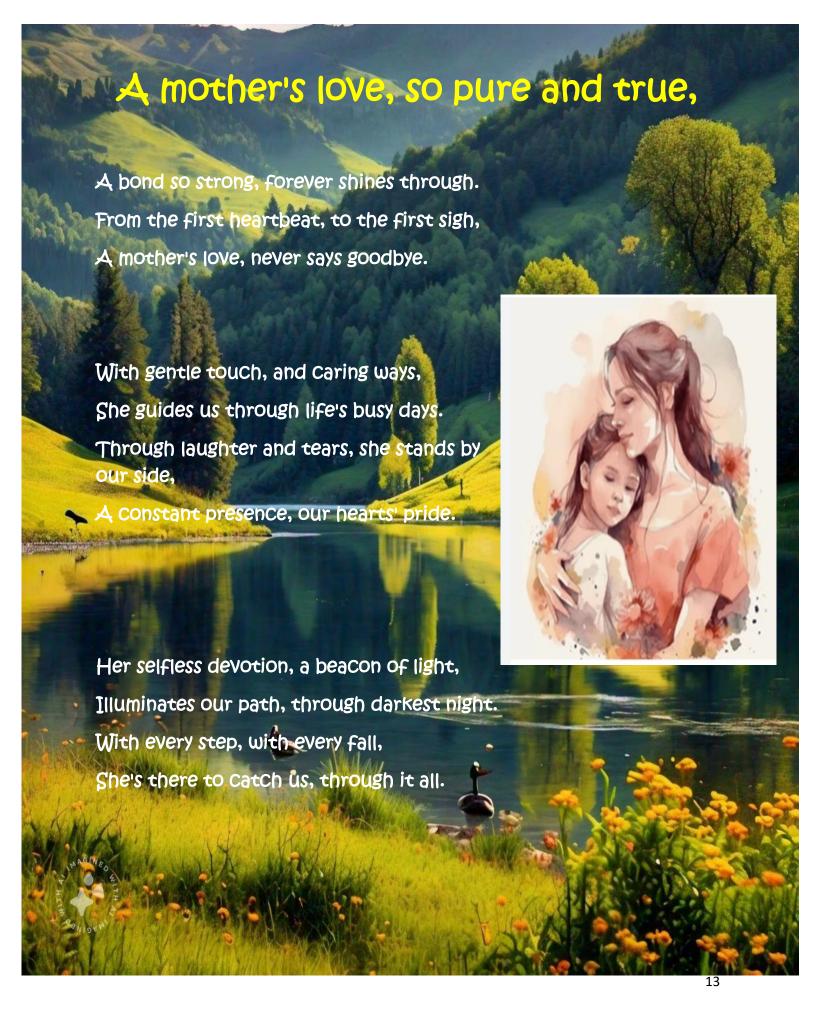
The gardens boom, with beauty so rare

A campus so fair,

A place of earning, where love and knowledge share

A home away from home, where hearts entwine

**Fatima Siyal** 





In the peaceful sites of Sarhari everything was calm,

A human enemy train was coming to crush the lives,

All passengers were happy and delighted for their destinations,

Suddenly a blast happened; train was derailed from its track.

In the sounds of ambulances and creams lives were bruised

Environment of tranquility, changed into mourning's and screams

It was great debacle of government in the front of these oppressed

Bruísed souls and shattered dreams, a scene of devastation.





Among them some were, injured, dead these guiltless were laying beneath the sky
Like previous incidents no one raised voice for helpless souls

This incredible or tormented event became the cause of separations, and desolations

# An Elegy on Sarhari

Ashfaque Zardarí

## Life has a Different Story

Every page of life has a different story.

Where life defines its tragic events slowly.

There is no happiness rather than imagination.

There is a pain craving for healing fixation.

Every corner, every room is filled with sadness.

Every phase, every day is steering in blindness.

The heart starts becoming apart from beating.

The soul wants someone to hug like healing.

Breath becomes hard, life comes to a start.

Again it's time to turn a new page hard.

Again the same story turns into a new part.

Struggle wants resilience, the soul wants rest.

My heart becomes tired of the same things being accepted.

Until again life arrives on its page next.

And from the whole day, it arises only one last hope.

That the next page will come with different,

But it will bring a new bright day along.

Tariqu Rajpar







Darkroom making the whole of my heart silent.

No words coming out of my mouth direct. I want to talk but no one listening to me right.

At that moment I just want to hug my dark flashes of the midnight.

A cold breeze touching every inch of my body,

Making me sure that life is uncertain longing.

We want something and get another thing in every day passing.

What fate we are taking remains still anonymous and unknowing.

Life begins with beautiful dreams and ends in deceives.

We humans are so much blind and deepsweet.

We know everything, we understand every corner,

But yet, we live in imagination ignoring the honest heartbeat.

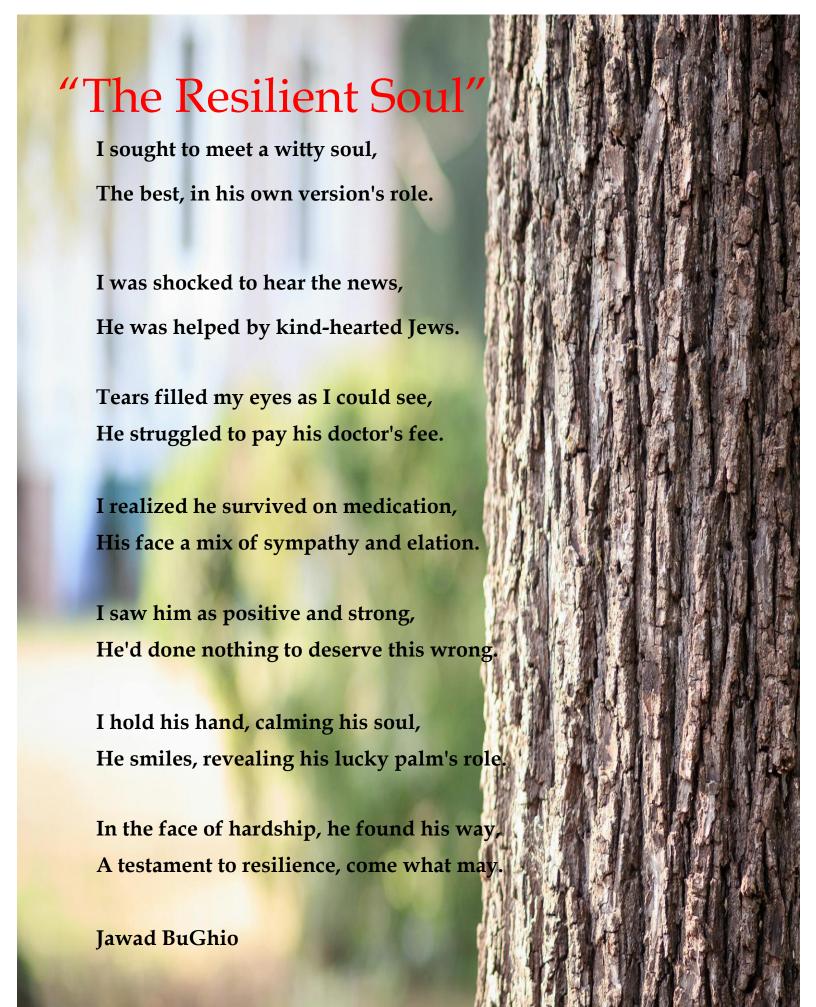
I often laugh thinking about how many more lies I will tell to myself.

My eyes, me, and my soul is tired and need some true help.

I want to go someplace where I can accept my real fate.

And I know, on that day life will be squelched under this world itself





# "Serene Symphony of Nature's Splendor"

(1)

Amidst the whispering woods, where ancient trees
Preside with wisdom, and their leafy breeze
Dances with sunlight, filtering through
To kiss the forest floor, in emerald hue.

(2)

The gentle brook, a silver serpent, flows

Through verdant meadows, where wildflowers grow

In vibrant colours, swaying to and fro

As nature's symphony, the heart does know.

(3)

The mountain rise, majestic, rugged, high
A testament to earth's primordial sigh
The sky above, a canvas, ever-changing
With hues of dawn and dusk, re-arranging.

**(4)** 

In nature's splendor, I find peaceful nest A sense of oneness, where love finds its rest.

Shumaila Zain

## **Inequality vs Equity**

Inequality and equity are two concepts that have been at the forefront of societal discourse for centuries. Inequality, in its various forms, has been a persistent issue, affecting individuals and groups across the globe. On the other hand, equity has emerged as a beacon of hope, aiming to address the disparities and promote fairness and justice. This essay will delve into the intricacies of inequality and equity, exploring their manifestations, consequences, and potential solutions



Inequality can be observed in various aspects of society, including education, employment, healthcare, and economic opportunities. The unequal distribution of resources and privileges has led to a widening gap between the haves and have-nots. Some individuals are born into privilege, while others are marginalized and excluded from accessing basic rights and resources. This perpetuates a cycle of disadvantage, limiting social mobility and hindering economic growth.

One of the most significant forms of inequality is economic inequality. The concentration of wealth among a small elite has led to a decline in social mobility and an increase in poverty.

The wealthy have access to better education, healthcare, and job opportunities, further entrenching their position. In contrast, the poor are often trapped in a cycle of poverty, with limited access to resources and opportunities.

Another critical aspect of inequality is social inequality. Discrimination based on race, gender and religion has led to marginalization and exclusion. Historically, certain groups have been denied basic rights and privileges, perpetuating a cycle of disadvantage.

Social inequality has far-reaching consequences, affecting not only individuals but also entire communities.

Equity, on the other hand, aims to address these disparities by promoting equal access to resources and opportunities. It recognizes that individuals and groups have different needs and requires targeted efforts to address these needs. Equity seeks to create a level playing field, where everyone has an equal chance to succeed, regardless of their background, race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

To achieve equity, society must address the root causes of inequality, such as discrimination, bias, and systemic barriers. This requires policy changes, education, and community engagement. Governments, organizations, and individuals must work together to create a more just and equitable society.

Education is a critical component in promoting equity. Access to quality education can help bridge the gap between the haves and have-nots. Education can equip individuals with the skills and knowledge necessary to compete in the job market and access better opportunities.

In conclusion, inequality and equity are interconnected concepts that require attention and action. Inequality, in its various forms, has perpetuated a cycle of disadvantage, limiting social mobility and hindering economic growth. Equity, on the other hand, offers a solution, promoting equal access to resources and opportunities. By addressing the root causes of inequality and promoting equity, we can create a more just and equitable society, where everyone has the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

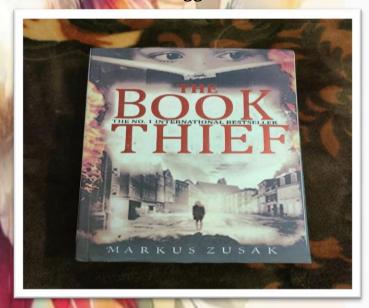
# Book Review Of "The Book Thief" By Markus Zusak

I don't know whether it is a book written by a mere mortal or by death itself. But I must say that this book is a soul-crusher and a heart-mover in every bit of it. This book has the power to shake your entire self because it makes you speechless and hits your soul in a good and bad way. The book possesses a unique way to narrate the story of a book stealing girl, an accordionist, a wardrobe faced woman, a boy with the hair color of lemon, and a feathery haired Jew. By making death the narrator of this book, Zusak highlighted the horrific conditions of Nazi Germany at the time of WW11. Death is not only given the role of a narrator but also a character. It is a personified entity who shares its experience and feelings about the dying souls and how one girl captured its attention for a long time.

The setting of this book is Germany during WW11. The book tells the story of a girl, Leisel Meiminger, who lives with her foster parents at Himmel Street, Molching. She is an orphan; her mother left after delivering her to her foster parents. She first acquainted with death at the time when her brother died on train to Molching. The first book that she stole was The Gravedigger's Handbook which

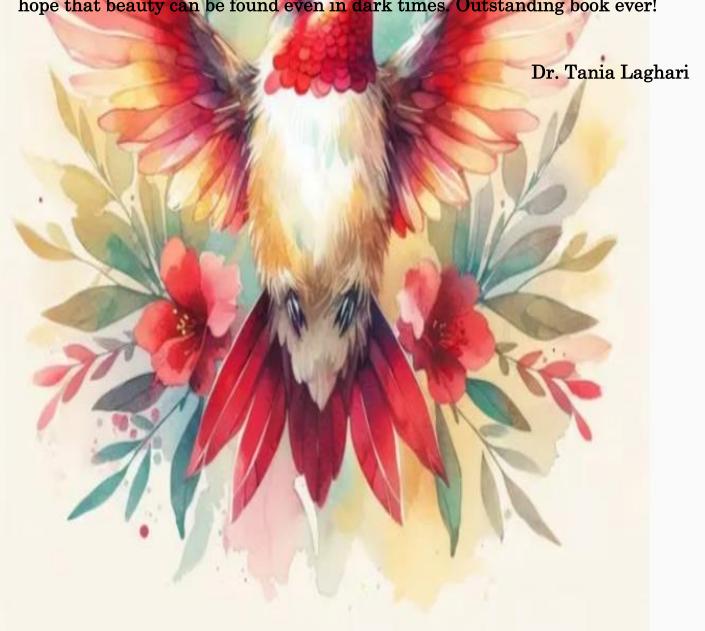
actually she found lying in the snow in the graveyard. She has been called a book thief by Rudy, a lemon haired boy, in this book because she randomly stole a couple of books first but on purpose later on.

The writing style of this book is lyrical. Plenty of eye-catchy sentences are used to describe atrocities of war, its consequences and how death feels about mass massacres. This book could be all-depressing and melancholic if not for its writing style.



The dark humor of death, the poetic description of characters and surroundings make a reader want to laugh out loud at many occasions. The narrator's frequent intervention with characters dialogues is definitely going to set your teeth on edge but make you want to read more of it. I can't move further without sharing some such eye-catching sentences.

"A bathrobe answered the door. Inside it, a woman. Imagine smiling after a slap in the face. Then think of doing it 24 hours a day. "Besides the writing style, another thing that I loved about this book is its character development. Each and every character unravels his/her mysteries along with the plot development. Leisal Meiminger once a child too scared to pronounce a word starts stealing books to read as the story progresses. Rosa, who makes herself look too headstrong and rude from the outside, ends up hiding a Jew in her basement. Every character is so real, suffering from the horrific effects of war in one way or the other. This book indeed is written to be devoured by every reader. Well, I know very well that my petty words can never do justice to the real beauty of this book. It leaves you in tears but at the same time gives you hope that beauty can be found even in dark times. Outstanding book ever!



## The Unbreakable Bond

As the sun set over the small town of Behram, two brothers, Bilal and Ahmed, sat on the porch of their family's old Ancestral home, watching the stars twinkle to life. They had spent the day exploring the woods, fishing, and laughing together, just like they had done countless times before.

But this summer was different. Bilal, the older brother, was leaving for college in a few weeks, and Ahmed, who had just turned 16, was strugigling to come to terms with the thought of being apart from his brother.



As they sat in comfortable silence, Bilal turned to Ahmed and said,

"You know, little bro, I'm going to miss you so much when I'm gone."

Ahmed looked up at Bilal, his eyes shining with tears. "I'm going to miss you too, Bilal. You're my best friend."

Bilal smiled and put his arm around Ahmed's shoulders.

"We'll always be best friends, no matter where life takes us.

We're brothers, and that bond can never be broken."

As the night wore on, they talked about their childhood memories, their dreams, and their fears. They laughed and cried to gather, their bond growing stronger with every passing moments.

Years went by, and Bilal and Ahmed went their separate ways. Bilal excelled in college, while Ahmed found his passion in music. But no matter where life took them, they remained close, their brotherly love and bond growing stronger with each passing day.

One day, when Ahmed was struggling to make a name for himself in the music industry, Bilal dropped everything to be by his side. He used his business skills to help Ahmed navigate the cutthroat world of music, and together, they achieved success.

Through every up and down, every triumph and every failure, Bilal and Ahmed were there for each other, their bond unbreakable.

As they sat on the porch of their childhood home, now old men, they looked back on their lives with pride and gratitude. They knew that their brotherly love had been the constant that had carried them through it all.

"We did it, little bro," Bilal said, his voice trembling with emotion.

"We sure did, big bro," Ahmed replied, his eyes shining with tears.

And as the sun set over Behram, Bilal and Ahmed sat together than ever.

**Muhammad Usama** 

### A ROLE OF CUP

In the scorching heat of summer, a cup is not sluggish in playing its role. While sitting around the table of a hotel, when the heat is

While sitting around high, just one sip of cup, can alleviate frustrations and one breath of air. the cup is not tea or any beverage, it can arrayed on shelves in home of ornament.

all kinds of all kinds of tiredness in Although confined to potable also be window as showcase

However, famílies take pride in serving their cup collection at the table, when the guests arrive home, with a unique and embellished

design engraved on those cups. So to say a cup is a piece of pride, isn't weird at all. As it shows your worth without telling it yourself, in any social or family gatherings. For that reason, choose your cup of tea with your eyes open because it is better to be prudent while selecting than regretting it later in gatherings before you're arch-rival.

Tahir Jamali

# Navigating the Modern Landscape: Challenges Faced by Students in Today's Era

The 21st century has brought about unprecedented changes in the way we live, learn, and interact. For students, this era presents a unique set of challenges that can impact their academic performance, personal growth, and future prospects. From mental health concerns to technological advancements, students must navigate a complex landscape that can be both empowering and overwhelming. In this article, we will explore the challenges faced by students in today's era and discuss potential solutions to support their success.

#### Mental Health Concerns

The pressure to perform, social media comparison, and fear of failure can take a toll on students' mental health. Anxiety, depression, and stress are becoming increasingly prevalent among students, affecting their ability to focus, learn, and enjoy their academic experience. Educational institutions must prioritize mental health support services, such as counseling and mindfulness programs, to help students cope with these challenges.

#### Digital Distractions

The constant presence of technology can be both a blessing and a curse. While it provides access to vast resources and connectivity, it also presents a significant distraction. Students must develop self-regulation skills to manage their screen time, avoid multitasking, and maintain focus on their academic goals.

#### Financial Burden

Rising tuition fees, living costs, and student debt can cause significant financial stress. Students must navigate scholarship opportunities, part-time jobs, and budgeting to make ends meet. Educational institutions can help by offering financial literacy programs, emergency funding, and affordable housing options.

#### Academic Pressure

High expectations from parents, teachers, and self can lead to burn out and decreased motivation. Students must find a balance between academic rigor and personal interests, exploring their passions and strengths outside of the classroom.

#### Social Media Comparison

Constant comparison with peers on social media can affect self-esteem and confidence. Students must develop a growth mindset, focusing on their progress, achievements, and unique strengths.

#### Balancing Life

Managing academic responsibilities, extracurricular activities, and personal life can be overwhelming. Students must prioritize self-care, time management, and goal-setting to maintain a healthy balance

#### Career Uncertainty

Students face uncertainty about their future careers and the rapidly changing job market. Educational institutions can help by offering career guidance, internships, and skills training to prepare students for an evolving workforce.

#### Technological Advancements

Keeping pace with rapid technological changes can be daunting. Students must develop adaptability, Critical thinking, and problem-solving skills to navigate an increasingly digital world.

#### Global Issues

Students are aware of global problems like climate change, social injustice, and political turmoil, which can be overwhelming. Educational institutions can help by incorporating social-emotional learning, global perspectives, and community engagement into the curriculum.

#### Conclusion

Students in today's era face a complex array of challenges that require a comprehensive approach to support their success. By acknowledging these challenges and working together, educational institutions, families, and communities can provide students with the tools, resources, and resilience needed to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Summiya Gul Soomro

### ROLE OF TEACHER IN ADVENT OF TECHNOLOGY

The advent of technology has transformed the education sector, raising questions about the role of teachers in the digital age. While technology has the potential to enhance learning, it is

Firstly, teachers provide personalized attention and emotional support, essential for students' cognitive and emotional development. They understand individual learning styles, adapt their teaching methods, and offer guidance, encouragement, and empathy. Technology, on the other hand, lacks emotional intelligence and human empathy.

Thirdly, teachers play a vital role in shaping students' social and moral values, such as teamwork, communication, and citizenship. They create a safe and inclusive learning environment, fostering social skills relationships. and **Technology** connect students can globally, but it cannot replace the human connections and socialization that occur in the classroom.

Finally, teachers continuously update their knowledge and teaching methods to meet the evolving needs of students. They bring real-world experiences, passion, and enthusiasm to the classroom, making unlikely to replace the value of teachers. This essay argues that teachers bring unique qualities, skills, and human interactions to the learning process that technology cannot replicate.

Secondly, teachers facilitate critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills through discussions, debates, and hands-on activities. They encourage students to explore, question, and learn from failures. Technology can provide information, but it cannot replace the dynamic interactions and thought-provoking conversations that teachers facilitate.



Learning Technology but it expertise, of teachers. relevant and engaging.
can provide information,
cannot replace the
creativity, and dedication

In conclusion, while technology has the potential to enhance learning, it cannot replace the value of teachers. Teachers bring unique qualities, skills, and human interactions to the learning process that technology cannot replicate. They are essential for providing personalized attention, facilitating critical thinking, sharing social moral values, and continuously updating their teaching methods. As technology continues to evolve, it is crucial to recognize the complementary role if plays in supporting teachers, rather than replacing them.

Hira Alam

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### A Book Review on "The Hate U Give" By Angie Thomas

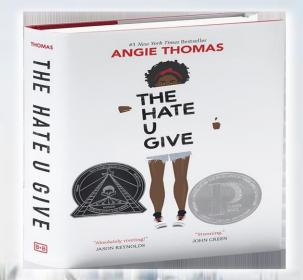
"The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas is a powerful and timely novel that explores the complexities of racism, police brutality, and activism through the eyes of a 16-year-old black girl named Starr Carter. The book is a masterful blend of social commentary, coming-of-age themes, and gripping storytelling that will leave readers of all ages moved and inspired.

One of the novel's greatest strengths is its ability to tackle difficult subjects with nuance and sensitivity. Thomas sheds light on the systemic injustices faced by black communities,

from racial profiling to without resorting to oversimplification. Starr's experiences to creating a narrative that and universally relatable

Starr is a remarkable complexity and depth. navigating the world of her private

impoverished black



economic inequality, didacticism or Instead, she allows speak for themselves, is both deeply personal

protagonist, full of
Her dual life –
predominantly white
school and the
neighborhood where

she lives – serves as a powerful metaphor for the fragmented identities of many young people of color. Through Starr's struggles to reconcile these two worlds, Thomas raises important questions about code-switching, cultural authenticity, and the performance of identity.

The supporting cast is equally well-crafted, from Starr's loving but flawed family to her activist friends and allies. Thomas takes care to avoid tokenism and stereotypes, instead creating a richly textured community that feels authentic and vibrant. If there is a flaw to be found, it is that the novel occasionally relies too heavily on convenient plot devices or contrivances. However, these moments are rare and do little to detract from the book's overall impact.

In conclusion, "The Hate U Give" is a triumph of contemporary young adult literature. It is a novel that will resonate with readers long after they finish the book, sparking important conversations and reflections about the world we live in. With its rich characters, nuanced exploration of complex issues, and masterful storytelling, this book is an absolute must-read for anyone looking to understand the experiences of young black people in America today.

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### The Unwavering Pillars of Knowledge: A Tribute to Teachers

Teachers are the unsung heroes of our society, dedicating their lives to shaping young minds and fostering a love for learning. They are the pillars of knowledge, guiding us through the complexities of life and helping us reach our full potential. In this article, we honor the selfless contributions of teachers, celebrating their unwavering commitment to education and the profound impact they have on our lives.

Teachers play a multifaceted role in our lives, extending far beyond the confines of the classroom.



They are mentors, role models, and friends, providing guidance, support, and encouragement every step of the way. With patience, empathy, and kindness, they help us navigate the challenges of growing up, instilling in us the values of hard work, perseverance, and resilience. The influence of teachers is immeasurable, leaving an indelible mark on our lives. They inspire us to dream big, to explore our passions, and to strive for excellence. They help us develop critical thinking skills, creativity, and Problem-solving abilities, preparing us for the complexities of the real world.

Moreover, they foster a sense of community and belonging, creating a safe and inclusive learning environment that allows us to thrive. Teaching is a demanding profession

requiring dedication, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment. Teachers face numerous challenges, from managing diverse classrooms to meeting the needs of students with varying abilities and learning styles. They must stay updated with curriculum changes, technological advancements, and innovative teaching methods, all while maintaining a work-life balance.

Despite the challenges, teachers continue to inspire and motivate us, often going above and beyond their duties. They deserve our gratitude, respect, and admiration. We must recognize their tireless efforts, celebrating their successes and offering support during difficult times. By doing so, we can create a positive and encouraging environment that allows teachers to flourish.

Teachers are the backbone of our education system, playing a vital role in shaping our minds and hearts. Their selflessness, expertise, and passion for teaching have a lasting impact on our lives, inspiring us to become better individuals and contributing members of society. Let us honor their dedication, commitment, and unwavering enthusiasm, acknowledging the profound difference they make in our lives.

Thank you, teachers, for all that you do! make in our lives. Thank you, teachers, for all that you do!

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# Exploring the Bard's Insights: A Conversation with William Shakespeare

Moderator: Good afternoon, everyone. Today, we have the honor of conversing with the father of English drama, William Shakespeare.

Welcome, Shakespeare!

Shakespeare: Thank you, kind moderator. It is a pleasure to engage in discourse with thee.

Moderator: Let's dive foto your wocks. Your plays often explored the human condition. What inspired your bisemution with human nature?



Shakespeare: Ah, the intricacies of humanity! I sought to capture the essence of our experiences, passions, and flaws. Observing life, reading classical works, and conversing with people from all walks of life sparked my creativity.

Moderator: According to your experience, understanding and knowledge, what is language?

Shakespeare: Language is the playwright's tool, a mighty instrumental to evoke emotions, convey complex ideas, and paint vivid imagery. I experienced with words, rhythms, and metaphors to create a unique voice, blending poetic flair with everyday speech.

Moderator: Your female characters, like Lady Macbeth and Cleopatra, are renowned for their complexity. How did you approach writing strong, multidimensional women?

Shakespeare: I sought to capture the fullness of human experience, including the voices and agency of women. By exploring their desires, fears, and strengths, I aimed to create nuanced, relatable characters that transcended societal expectations.

Moderator: Your plays often explored power dynamics, politics, and social bierarchy. What commentary did you intend to often on these themes?

Shakespeare: I aimed to hold a mirror to society, revealing the intricacies of power, corruption, and social structures. Through drama, I encouraged audiences to reflect on their own world, fostering empathy and critical thinking.

Moderator: How do you see your works remaining relevant in contemporary society?

Shakespeare: Though contexts change, human nature remains constant. My plays continue to resonate with audiences, offering insights into our shared experiences, struggles, and aspirations.

Moderator: Thank you, Shakespeare, for sharing your insights with us today.

Shakespeare: The pleasure is mine. May our conversation inspire future generations to embrace the power of language, empathy, and understanding?

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### "Blood is Thicker than Water"

Fazeela and Faiza had been inseparable since childhood, sharing secrets, laughter, and tears. They were more than best friends - they were sisters at heart. Faiza's family had taken Fazeela in when her parents passed away, and they had raised her as one of their own.

Years went by, and Fazeela grew into a successful businesswoman, while Faiza pursued a Career in art. Despite their different paths, their bond remained unbreakable.

However, when Faiza's brother, Bilal, returned from abroad, things began to Change. Fazeela had always felt like an outsider around Bilal, who would often make snide comments about her not being a "real" member of the family.

One day, Faiza's parents fell ill, and Bilal took control of their care, pushing Fazeela aside. He claimed that family matters were none of her concern, citing that "blood is thicker than water."

Fazeela felt hurt and betrayed, but Faiza was torn between her loyalty to her sister-at-heart and her biological brother. As the situation escalated, Fazeela realized that sometimes, the ties that bind us go beyond blood.

In the end, Faiza chose Fazeela, and together they proved that love and loyalty can be stronger than any familial bond. The phrase "blood is thicker than water" was turned on its head, showing that true family is not just about DNA, but about the relationships we nurture and cherish.

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# POLLUTION: THE ROOT CAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DEVASTATION

Pollution, in its various forms, has become a ubiquitous phenomenon, permeating every aspect of our lives. It has become the root cause of environmental devastation, posing a significant threat to the health, well-being, and survival of our planet. The alarming rise in pollution levels has far-reaching consequences, impacting not only the environment but also human health, economies, and societies.



### Types of Pollution

#### Pollution manifests itself in different forms, including:

- 1. Air pollution: The release of harmful gases and particles into the atmosphere, primarily due to industrial activities, vehicle emissions, and burning of fossil fuels.
- 2. Water pollution: The contamination of water bodies through industrial waste, agricultural runoff, and domestic sewage.
- 3. Soil pollution: The degradation of soil quality due to industrial waste, agricultural chemicals, and improper waste disposal.
- 4. Noise pollution: The excessive noise generated by human activities, such as construction, transportation, and industrial processes.

#### Causes of Pollution

The root causes of pollution can be attributed to

1. Industrialization: The rapid growth of industries has led to an increase in pollution, as industries release harmful chemicals and waste into the environment.

- 2. Population growth: The increasing population has resulted in increased consumption, waste generation, and resource depletion.
- 3. Consumerism: The culture of consumerism has led to excessive consumption, packaging, and waste generation.
- 4. Lack of regulations: Inadequate regulations and enforcement have allowed industries to prioritize profits over environmental concerns.

#### Consequences of Pollution

The consequences of pollution are far-reaching and devastating:

- 1. Environmental degradation: Pollution has led to climate change, deforestation, loss of biodiversity, and ecosystem disruption.
- 2. Human health impacts: Pollution causes respiratory diseases, cancer, neurological disorders, and other health problems.
- 3. Economic impacts: Pollution affects agriculture, fisheries, and tourism, leading to significant economic losses.
- 4. Social impacts: Pollution disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly, and low-income communities.

#### Solutions to Pollution

To address pollution, we must adopt a multi-faceted approach:

- 1. Implement regulations: Enact and enforce strict regulations on industries to reduce emissions and waste.
- 2. Promote sustainability: Encourage sustainable practices, such as renewable energy, recycling, and eco-friendly products.
- 3. Educate and raise awareness: Educate individuals, communities, and industries about the impacts of pollution and promote behavioral change.
- 4. Invest in clean technologies: Develop and invest in clean technologies, such as carbon capture, green infrastructure, and sustainable agriculture.

#### Conclusion

Pollution is the root cause of environmental devastation, with far-reaching consequences for human health, economies, and societies. To address this crisis, we must adopt a comprehensive approach that includes regulations, sustainability, education, and investment in clean technologies. Only through collective action can we mitigate the impacts of pollution and create a healthier, more sustainable future for all.

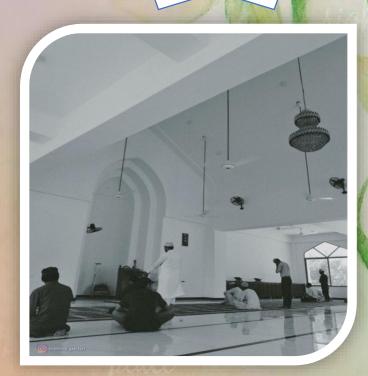








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