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Abstract

Nilo Cruz's Pulitzer Prize winning play, *Anna in the Tropics* (2003), shows importance of literature in life. Literature performs different tasks. Firstly, it educates human beings. Secondly, it provides pleasures to them. Thirdly, it makes them serious and thoughtful. Leo Tolstoy's novel, *Anna Karenina*, as a representative text of literature, performs all these tasks in the play, *Anna in the Tropics*. It educates characters like Marela, Conchita, Palomo and Santiago. Similarly, it also provides pleasures to them. But, it makes Chechen and Palomo serious and thoughtful. It reminds Chechen of his ghost past ? Mildred, and Palomo, of his duty to his wife, Conchita. Thus, they feel tortured in two different ways. So, the play shows dual functions of literature in life?

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