

## CHAPTER-5 | What is a Good Book?

## QUIZ-01

1. What is the primary purpose of a “true book” according to Ruskin?
- Entertainment
  - Practical communication
  - Permanent preservation of truth or beauty
  - Political propaganda

**Explanation:** Ruskin emphasizes that a true book is written for permanence and to preserve the author’s deepest truths or beauty.

2. What does Ruskin compare reading a good book to?
- Watching a play
  - Enjoying a casual chat
  - Mining for gold
  - Taking a stroll

**Explanation:** He compares understanding a good author to mining—digging deep with tools like wit and effort to extract meaning.

3. According to Ruskin, what kind of effort is required to understand a good book?
- Passive observation
  - Repetitive reading
  - Intense scrutiny of words and meanings
  - Skimming through summaries

**Explanation:** Ruskin stresses looking “syllable by syllable—nay, letter by letter” to truly understand a good book.

4. What is the 'company of the Dead' in the essay?
- A literary society
  - Historical novels
  - The great authors of the past
  - Philosophers of modern times

**Explanation:** Ruskin refers to authors of the past whose works still live on as the “company of the Dead”.

5. What distinguishes a truly educated person, according to Ruskin?
- Knowledge of many languages
  - High academic qualifications
  - Precision in understanding and using words
  - Ability to memorize facts

**Explanation:** Ruskin says education is reflected in accuracy of word usage and understanding—“a man of letters”.

6. What makes books of the hour different from true books?

- They are longer and more detailed
- They are pleasant but lack permanence
- They are written by uneducated authors
- They deal only with politics

**Explanation:** Ruskin calls books of the hour pleasant and useful but lacking the permanence of true books.

7. Why does Ruskin believe some authors use parables and hidden meanings?
- To entertain readers
  - To show off their intellect
  - To ensure readers work to deserve the wisdom
  - To confuse the audience

**Explanation:** He argues that wise authors hide deeper meanings so only deserving readers will uncover them.

8. How does Ruskin describe the speech of uneducated people?
- Full of foreign vocabulary
  - Grammatically accurate
  - Revealing through a single sentence or accent
  - Indistinguishable from educated speech

**Explanation:** Ruskin asserts that even one sentence or word can reveal a speaker's lack of education.

9. What is the author’s view on ambition in relation to reading true books?
- It’s essential to succeed
  - It should be balanced with humility
  - It is scorned by true literature
  - It leads to enlightenment

**Explanation:** Ruskin insists ambition is of no use; love for the author’s mind and willingness to learn are essential.

10. What does Ruskin say about reading all the books in a library?
- It ensures complete education
  - It is a noble goal
  - It may still leave one uneducated if not read accurately
  - It helps with better communication

**Explanation:** He says even reading all books won't educate unless one reads “with real accuracy”.