Literary Terms – English 12 Provincial Exams: 2003 to 2011

[√ = number of times used as an option; highlighted terms are most likely to be correct choice]

- **Allegory**√√√
- **Alliteration**√√√√√√√√√
- **Allusion**√√√√√√√√√
- **Anecdote**√
- **Apostrophe**√√√√√√
- **Assonance**√√√√√√√√
- **Antithesis**√√
- **Cacophony**√
- **Characters**
  - **Flat**√
  - **Round**√
  - **Protagonist**√
  - **Dynamic**√
  - **Static**√
- **Cliché**√√√√√√
- **Conflict**√√√√
- **Consonance**√√√√
- **Contrast**√√
- **Didactic**√√
- **Dilemma**√√√
- **Direct Presentation**√√√
- **Dissonance**√√√√√
- **Euphemism**√√√√√√√
- **Flashback**√√√√√√√√
- **Foreshadowing**√√√√√
- **Hyperbole** √√√√√√√√√√√√√√√
- **Imagery**√√√√√√√
- **Indirect Presentation**√√√
- **Internal Rhyme**√√√√√√
- **Irony**√√√√√√√√√
- **Juxtaposition**√
- **Language Types**
  - **Archaic**√
  - **Figurative vs. Literal** √√√√
  - **Formal**√√
  - **Jargon**√√√√√
  - **Technical**√
  - **Colloquial/Slang**√√√
- **Metaphor**√√√√√√√√√√
- **Metonymy**√√√√
- **Onomatopoeia** √√√√√√√√√√√√
- **Oxymoron** √√√√√√√√√√√
- **Parable**√
- **Paradox**√√√√√√√√√√
- **Parallel Structure**√√√√
- **Parody**√
- **Personification** √√√√√√√√√√√√
- **Poem Type**
  - **Lyric**√√√√√
  - **Narrative**√√
  - **Ballad**√√√√√√
  - **Sonnet**√√√
  - **Ode**√√√√
  - **Elegy**√√
  - **Monologue**√√√
  - **Free Verse** √√√√√
  - **Blank Verse**√√√√√
  - **Pastoral**√√
- **Point of View**
  - **Objective**√√√√√√ √
  - **Omniscient**√√√√ √√√
  - **Limited Omniscient**√√√ √√√
  - **First Person** √√√√√√√
- **Prose Type:**
  - **Fable**√
  - **Biography**√
  - **Personal Essay**√√
  - **Descriptive Essay**√
  - **Expository Essay**√√
  - **Narrative Essay**√√
  - **Argumentative/ Persuasive Essay**√√
  - **Literary Essay** √
- **Pun**√√√√
- **Repetition**√√√√√
- **Rhyme**√√√
- **Satire**√√√√
- **Setting**√√√
- **Simile**√√√√√√√√
- **Stereotype**√√
- **<u>Stylistic Devices: Non-Fiction</u>:**
  - **Analogy**√√√√√
  - **Anecdote**√
  - **Cause & Effect**√√√
  - **Statistics**√√
  - **Expert Testimony**√√√√
  - **Emotional Appeal/Pathos**√√√
  - **Compare & Contrast**√√
  - **Rhetorical Question**√
- **Symbolism**√√√√√√
- **Theme**√√√√√
- **Tone**√√√√
- **Understatement** √√√√√√√√

Sample Essay Topics:

-Dreams take us on journeys.
-Certain events change our impressions of life.
-Self-awareness leads to meaningful change.
-Our views of the past change as we mature.
-Role models influence our lives.
-The best gifts are the simplest ones.
-Confidence comes from the support of others.
-The lessons we learn when we are young prepare us for life.
-Each generation has something valuable to offer.

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