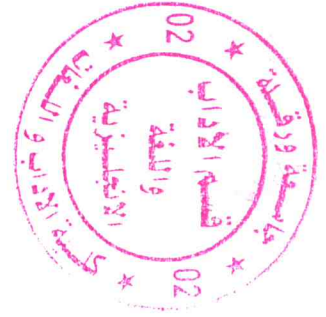


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First Term Exam

Great Expectations blends literary styles and genres in addition to its mastery of the narrative techniques. It fuses elements of the gothic with comic satire, realism, fairytale, crime fiction and melodrama. It can even be read as autobiographical, depicting the deprived childhood of the young orphan Pip, the novel's protagonist and narrator. Discuss the above statement in a well coherent and concise essay.

Answer key

The essay should contain:

1. An introduction in which the student provides a brief bio about the author and the literary text. **(2)**
2. Defines, accounts for and elaborates on the relationship between the key words of the question as follows :
 - Genre of the novel : Bildungsroman. **(3)**
 - Narrative style : **(3)**
 - First person point of view narration
 - Retrospective narration
 - Stream of consciousness technique
 - Gothic : the opening scene : introducing the gothic setting through description : sinister, foggy churchyard, graveyard, scary atmosphere ...2
 - Comic satire : irony and humour in the portrayal of the upper class.1
 - Realism in description.1
 - Fairy tale : depiction of the change from poor to rich life, and love story related to this change.2
 - Crime fiction : Pip and his relationship with Magwitch the escaped convict. **1**
3. Conclusion in which the student is free to provide his point of view or personal comment. **(2)**

+ 3 pts for the style and richness of the vocabulary