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English Essay (Paragraph Writing) Test - 2

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A thing of beauty is a joy forever

There is an old saying that goes "Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder." It emphasizes the subjective nature by which we deem something as beautiful and often the perspective is limited to merely the visual aspect. However, beauty manifests itself in a myriad of ways: from pleasant scenery and melodies, to abstract concepts and ideals. Though the medium and mode of perception may vary, beauty at its core is that which evokes within us a sense of comfort when experienced or remembered. A kind word of appreciation, the ~~song~~^{song} of a nightingale, the sheer spectacle of man made wonders like the Taj Mahal, all show that where passion and emotions shine through, those abstractions of beauty resonate with people. While some argue that ~~beauty~~ beauty is fleeting and cite the evolution and obsolescence in societal beauty standards whether in terms of fashion or complexion, the argument is not ~~an~~ absolute. The epic of Gilgamesh is the oldest record of literary fiction, serving as the blueprint for the typical hero's journey genre of storytelling. The idea of going on a grand adventure and at the end, becoming wiser through it all than prior to the journey while overcoming impossible odds is an idea that still resonates with people. This essay asserts that beauty manifests itself in a variety of ways, whether material or immaterial, but the core phenomenon that binds them all is the feeling of awe and comfort instilled. Thus, the ~~quote~~ words "A thing of beauty is a joy forever" are rooted in a true sentiment.