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Q. Dryden then opens a new field of open criticism. Examine the statement with special reference to the Essay of Dramatic Poesy.

OR

With Dryden "a new dimension has been added to criticism that of comparative analysis". Discuss the remark with the particular reference to the Essay of Dramatic Poesy.

Ans. It is Scott James who observed that Dryden thus opens a new field of criticism. Dryden's study of ancient was deep and thorough. He had not only read and digested Sappho and Euripides, Theocritus and Virgil; he had also read and digested



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language. There could be  
difference of character  
as well as that of tastes  
of the people. Fashions  
in taste change as that  
that of fashions in  
costumes. Dryden  
anticipated Taine in  
pointing out that each  
age or nation has its  
own genius. The  
climate counts for something.  
The disposition of mankind  
varies at different times  
and places, and involves  
variations in taste and  
in the art.

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