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SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)

TLE 204: CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

DATE: APRIL 7, 2016

TIME: 02:00-04:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and ANY Other TWO Questions.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Discuss the essential psychological differences between the child reader and the adult in terms of response to literature. (15 marks)
- b) Clearly explain the following terminologies as used in children's literature. Give examples of each.
- i) Realistic story
 - ii) Dramatic play
 - iii) Limericks
 - iv) Traditional story
 - v) Single point of view (15 marks)

QUESTION TWO

A good book for children, like a good book for adults, should hold the mirror up to life. With reference to any realistic children's story book, assess the validity of this observation.

(20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Traditional tales have been described as 'the major source of the power of the best children's literature'. With reference to any children's traditional story book, explain the truthfulness of this observation.

(20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

With reference to any children's sacred story book, explain six ways in which the writer should have achieved gender neutrality in the text.

(20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Using the plot pattern of wish-fulfillment, write a suitable story for 8-10 year olds. (20 marks)

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