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HET 212 - CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Duration: 3 hours

Please check that this examination paper consists of THREE pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

Answer FOUR questions.

EITHER

1. Define the term 'Marchen' and discuss its recurring motifs.

[100 marks]

OR

2. What issues need to be considered when evaluating suitable books for children?

[100 marks]

EITHER

3. Hans Christian Andersen claimed that he did not write his tales just for children. Discuss, with examples, what qualities of his works make them appealing to people of all ages.

[100 marks]

OR

4. To what extent does Hans Christian Andersen's story 'The Emperor's New Clothes' depend at least in part on the self-deception of those being deceived?

[100 marks]

EITHER

5. With reference to various female characters in *Anne of Green Gables*, discuss how the depiction of these female characters reflect society's attitude towards women in 1908.

[100 marks]

OR

6. To what extent is Anne's maturity achieved at the expense of her vibrant personality?

[100 marks]

EITHER

7. Roald Dahl often claimed that the key to his success as a children's book writer was to conspire with children against adults. To what extent is this reflected in *Matilda*?

[100 marks]

OR

8. Roald Dahl's books are undoubtedly about children and for children. To what extent is the writing style and plots in *Matilda* suitable for children?

[100 marks]