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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS FOUR [4] QUESTIONS IN ONE [1] PAGE

Answer ALL questions.

Equal marks are allocated to all questions.

1. "Interest in very young children and their intellectual development has increased remarkably in recent years. Scientific research has demonstrated that fifty percent of a child's general intelligence is achieved between birth and age four, and an additional thirty percent by age eight. Children's speech and vocabulary development follows a similar pattern, with about thirty-three percent of these skills achieved by the time they are six." (Sutherland and Arbuthnot, 1977).

Do you agree with this view? What implications does this have for parents, teachers of the young and children's literature in general?

2. "Literary criticism can be no more than a reasoned account of the feeling produced upon the critic by the book he is criticising. Criticism can never be a science: it is, in the first place, much too personal, and in the second, it is concerned with values that science ignores... We judge a work of art by its effect on our sincere and vital emotion, and nothing else." (D.H. Lawrence, 1956).

Write a critique of any one work of children's literature in the light of Lawrence's opinion.

3. Would you agree that to talk of children's literature presupposes a level of literacy? Discuss this in the context of what you consider to be the most important issues related to children's literature.
4. Take any **ONE** of the following genres, and discuss with specific references, what you consider to be the general characteristics of the genre: fantasy, folk tales and modern realism.

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