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QUALIFICATION: BACHELOR OF ENGLISH AND LINGUISTICS HONOURS	
QUALIFICATION CODE: 08BENH	LEVEL: 8
COURSE: CHILDREN'S LITERATURE	COURSE CODE: CHL821S
SESSION: NOVEMBER 2025	PAPER: THEORY
DURATION: 3 HOURS	MARKS: 75

FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
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INSTRUCTIONS
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Answer THREE questions.2. Write clearly and neatly.3. Each essay must be 700 words.4. Number the answers clearly.

THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONSISTS OF 2 PAGES
(Including this front page)

SECTION A: COMPULSORY**[25 MARKS]****QUESTION 1****[25 MARKS]**

To what extent are girl-children marginalised in African oral narratives? Using the feminist ideas on children's literature, justify your answer by referring closely to any two oral narratives studied in this course. Give a summary of each story first. Your answer should have an introduction, body, and conclusion. The choice of narratives is very important in this question. Choose narratives that allow you to carry out a debate or an argument.

SECTION B: ELECTIVE**[50 MARKS]**

This section consists of three questions. Answer any *two* questions.

QUESTION 2**[25 MARKS]**

With close reference to the text, analyse the role of the River and Child Development in *Chike and the River* by Chinua Achebe.

QUESTION 3**[25 MARKS]**

With close reference to Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*, analyse any five major themes from the novel. Furthermore, discuss how each of these themes can be critically re-examined and related to the concerns and characteristics of post-colonial children's literature in Africa.

QUESTION 4**[25 MARKS]**

What, in your opinion, is a fantasy book? Identify and discuss the characteristics of fantasy, its value for children, and its features. Use of examples from any of the two fantasies learned in your course: *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White or *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by R. Dahl.

TOTAL MARKS [75]**END OF EXAMINATION**