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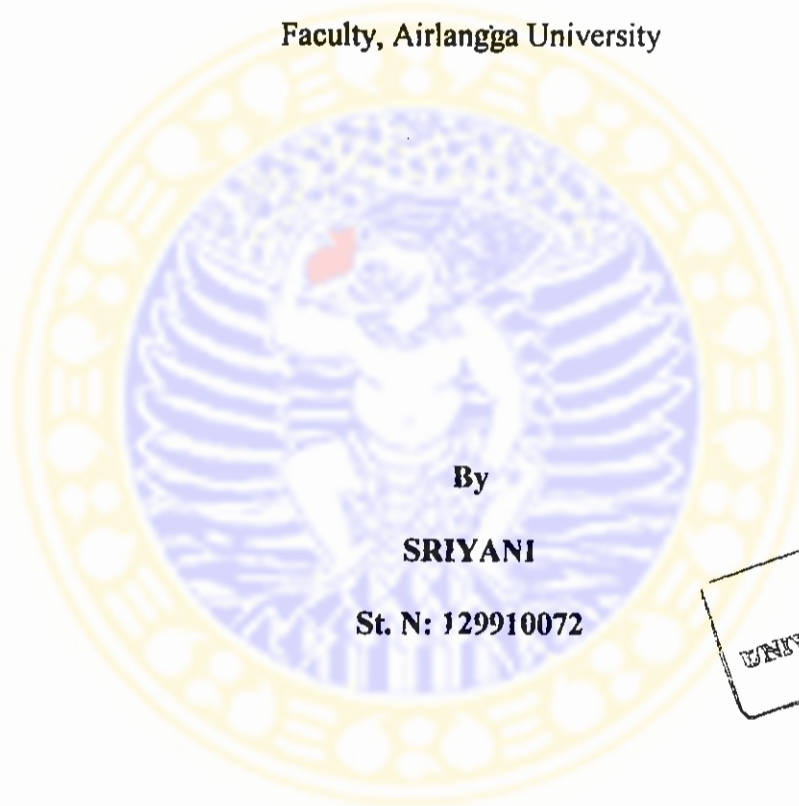
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*Human beings are the only creatures
who able to behave irrationally in the name of reason.*

(Ashley Montagu)



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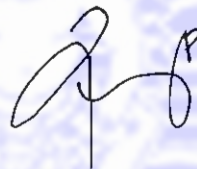
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Abstract

Pedophilia, in psychology, is classified as abnormal behaviour. It refers to certain sexual behaviour of a person who prefers children as his sexual object. This phenomenon has existed in our life for a very long time. We used to find marriages between a very young girl and an old man in villages. Although we hardly find it in big cities, we can see it happens in some cases of child raping and molesting that are televised everyday.

This thesis will reveals this phenomenon through a literary discussion as the issue appears also in one of Vladimir Nabokov's best literary works, *Lolita*. The main focus of the analysis is the pedophile himself, which performs in the character of Humbert Humbert. Dealing with the theory that is used in the analysis, Freud's theory of psychoanalysis is best applied to uncover Humbert's character and behaviour.

As the result, it is known that the tendency of becoming a pedophile comes from the person's failure in his psychosexual stage of development, particularly in genital stage. Therefore, a pedophile tends to be very possessive upon a young girl. Instead of this tendency, a pedophile also wishes to live normally.