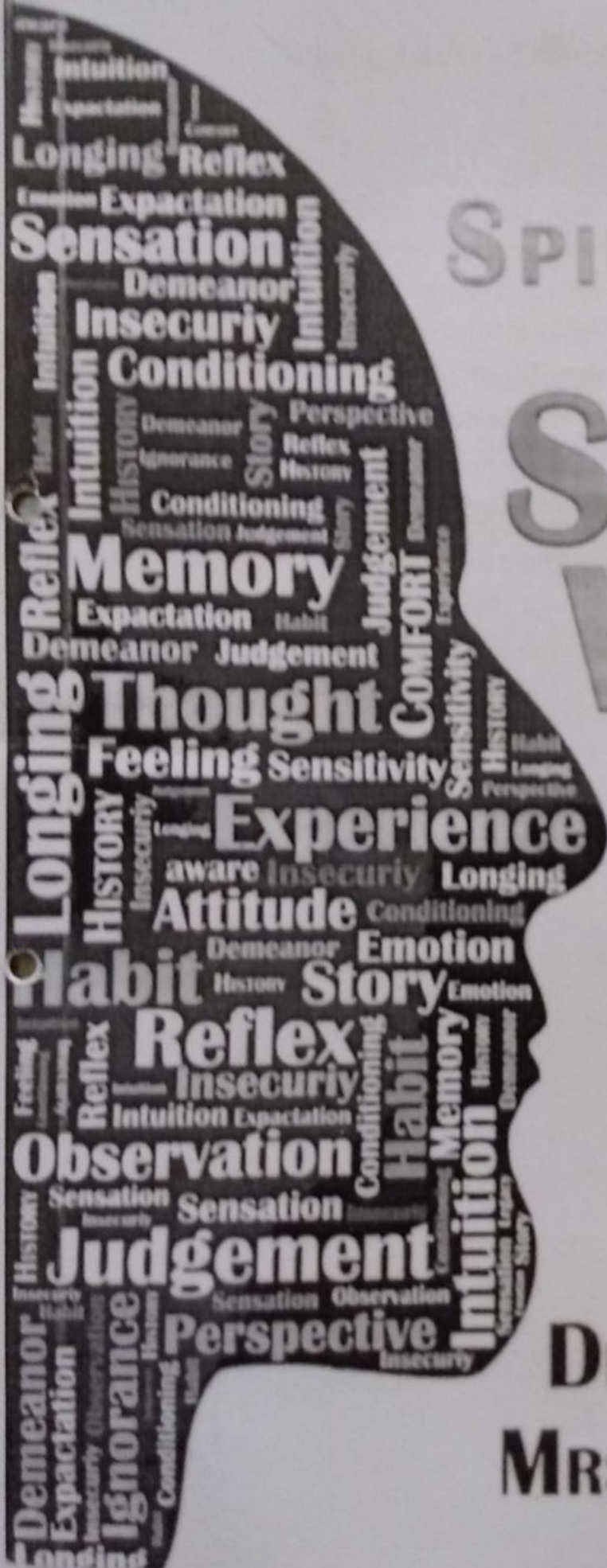




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Chapter – 2

Relationship between Gratitude, Forgiveness and Moral Values among Middle School Children

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ABSTRACT

Moral competence is the ability to deal with problems and conflicts based on moral principles. This ability helps in maintaining harmony in society. Gratitude and forgiveness have been important factors in building moral values among children. The chapter aimed to know the relationship between gratitude, forgiveness and moral values among middle school children. The quantitative analysis showed no significant relationship between gratitude, forgiveness, and moral values. The qualitative analysis showed that gratitude has been in practice unknowingly. Culture, language, people influence expressing gratitude. Forgiveness has been given importance, yet differences of opinions were noticed among samples to forgiving people. Moral values have been in practice, irrespective of the acceptance of the values taught. Gratitude, forgiveness and moral values can be independently trained, yet there is an association identified between gratitude, forgiveness and moral values. Spirituality can be used as an effective tool to teach honesty, trust, gratitude, forgiveness and moral values as a whole.

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