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Masa: [3 jam]

This Examination paper contains TWO (2) questions in THREE (3) pages.

Answer ALL questions.

1. [a] Read the following piece of writing carefully and answer the questions that follow it.

Shoplifting a 20 cent candy bar or a \$1/= lipstick doesn't sound like a serious crime. But if the shoplifter is caught, it will add up to more than \$1.20. Storeowners are no longer giving a "second chance" -- not even for a candy bar, and an arrest for shoplifting can follow you the rest of your life.

Convicted shoplifters are denied admission into many colleges and are barred from holding government or bonded jobs. Professions that require special licensing, like law or insurance, are closed to them. They can't even get a mortgage, loan or credit card. What can be even more tragic than the jail sentence or fine is the teenager delivered in a police car to his home or the business executive earning \$25,000 a year who has to explain to his family why he shoplifted a couple of ties.

No matter how little the item costs, shoplifting is stealing.

- i. What is the controlling idea of this piece of writing?

- ii. Underline the topic sentence for each paragraph. If, in your opinion, there is no clear topic sentence for a paragraph, summarize it in your own words.
- iii. What is your opinion about the effectiveness of this piece of writing in achieving its purpose. Support your answer with evidence from the writing.

(25 marks)

- [b] Read the following piece of writing carefully and answer the questions that follow it.

The olive on the left is a true-blue Spanish green olive. The olive on the right just looks like one.

The olive on the left was grown in Spain, where the dry climate and mineral-rich soil help an olive ripen to its tangiest best. There's no telling where the olive on the right was grown.

The olive on the left was treated with meticulous care. By people who learned long ago that a bruised olive hurts business. As for the olive on the right, you really can't be sure how it was treated.

The olive on the left comes in a jar with the Spanish Olive Man symbol on it. The olive on the right doesn't.

So now you can be sure of the green olive you're getting, before you lay down your hard-earned money for it.

- i. Compare and contrast this piece of writing with the piece in question 1[a] in terms of: organization, development and support.

(25 marks)

2. [a] What are the qualities of a good summary, and describe the **process** of summarizing. Write your answer in the form of an adequately developed essay.

(25 marks)

[b] Using a persuasive mode of writing, write an essay on why various flaws in rational thought should not be tolerated in an argument.

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