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TITLE OF PAPER : **COMPOSITION, WRITING AND STYLISTICS**

COURSE CODE : **ENG 302**

TIME ALLOWED : **TWO (2) HOURS**

INSTRUCTION : **ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS.**

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QUESTION 1

Read the following newspaper article on animal experiments.

Raid on Animal laboratory

Over the weekend animal liberationists raided a local research laboratory where animals are used in tests to find out the effects of drugs. The break-in occurred at Symons Pharmaceutical Research Laboratory in Maversham Place. The raid was discovered only on Monday morning. The police were called to investigate.

‘There was considerable damage to expensive equipment,’ said a spokesman for the laboratory, ‘and the intruders vandalised several rooms in the building. They also stole some of the animals used for research purposes.’

The *Post* has interviewed a local animal liberationist activist who claims to know the identity of the raiders. ‘The public would be quite appalled at the cruelty of the practices carried out in the labs, if they knew the full story. We intend to get the facts to the public.’ When asked about the illegality of the break-in and the subsequent damage to expensive equipment and buildings, the spokesman said: ‘We’ve tried reasoning with these people but they’re only interested in their profits. Director action of this kind is the only thing they understand. There will be more incidents of this kind until these horrific experiments on defenceless animals cease.’

A spokesman for the police said they were interviewing local animal rights campaigners and were confident they would be preferring serious charges soon. The spokesman for the Symons Laboratory insisted that such criminal actions would not effect any change in the laboratory policy.

- (a) Write short notes on form, purpose and audience for this article. [20 marks]
- (b) Write a letter to the Editor of the *Post* in Maversham Place in response to this article. Refer to the article and make clear your own attitude to the issues raised. The body of the letter should be above 200 words. [10 marks]
- [Total: 30 marks]**

QUESTION 2

- (a) Design a “for” and “against” column for the topic: Children of Aids sufferers should not be told that their parents tested HIV positive. You should include arguments on both sides. [10 marks]
- (b) Choose one of the aspects in (a) and construct the middle paragraph that:
- sets up the right reader expectation.
 - make all the pieces fit like a jigsaw puzzle.
 - satisfies the meat on the bones principle. [10 marks]

- (c) Explain 3 pitfalls to be avoided when writing an argumentative composition. [10 marks]
[Total: 30 marks]

QUESTION 3

Explain how brainstorming, using questions and making notes are important elements during the idea-generating process of writing. [30 marks]

QUESTION 4

‘Voice is a metaphor used to define the imprint of a person in their writing.’

Discuss the relevance of this quotation to the process of writing. [30 marks]