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ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT

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Programme : Diploma In Mass Communication (DMCN/DMC)

Course : COM1106: Introduction to Journalism

Date of Examination :

Time Start : July 26, 2021 (Monday) @ 8:00 am

Time End : July 27, 2021 (Tuesday) @ 8:00 am

Duration : 24 Hours

Special Instructions :

Answer ALL questions

Material permitted : NIL

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Instructions: This paper consist of **ONE (1) SECTION**. Answer **ALL TWO (2)** questions. All questions carry equal marks. For each questions, you are required to provide answers between **400-500 words**.

Strictly do not copy and paste the case study and instructions in your answer sheet, label the questions you answered instead, eg 1 (a), 1 (b). You will be given 24 hours to complete and submit your answer to Blackboard.

The acceptable SafeAssign similarity percentage is 0-25%. From 26%-50%, your total marks will be deducted by 20%. Above 50% your marks will be deducted by 50%. Please do write your answers using your own word, copy paste directly from websites/ other sources will affect your SafeAssign similarity percentage. This assignment should be prepared individually.

Question 1

The father, a former cooking in his 50s, said two days before the incident, her daughter had collected RM70 from her friends to holding a birthday party for the teacher.

“She gave me the money and I cooked up a small feast for the party held in the school.

The Form Two student is clinging on to life at the Seberang Jaya Hospital’s intensive care unit comatose with brain damage. She had left a note to her parents, saying she did not steal the phone. She also wrote that she did not want to cause them any more trouble.

A relative, who lodged a report at the Prai police station, told the investigating officer that three teachers had called up the girl to question her over the theft, which she denied.

He then broke into her daughter’s bedroom and found her unconscious with a shawl around her neck tied to some piping.

“I never expected the sudden turn of events. We are all praying hard for her ... please come back to us,” he said.

The relative also claimed that she was confined in a room in the teachers’ office for almost five hours and that the teacher and her husband had threatened to hand over the girl to the police if she failed to admit to the theft.

The couple then took her home and the teachers and her parents went out to discuss the matter. When the girl's parents returned home, the father called her but the calls were unanswered.

Her family, including three older siblings, and friends have been praying for her recovery since the incident on Wednesday. They are hoping that their prayers will be answered by Lord Muruga this Thaipusam on Wednesday.

(The Star, 29/1/2018)

Using the inverted pyramid method, write a hard news article based on the information given above. The content is poorly organized, contains grammatical error and will have to be extensively rewritten. Please do not exceed the word limit of 450 words.

(50 marks)

Question 2

Prisons Commissioner Ajidin Salleh, appeared before the County Commission today. He made an unusual and unique proposal that he says will save the county money—and help beautify it, all at the same time. He proposed that trustees in his county jail should be taken from the jail six days a week, Monday through Saturday, to clean the county's roadways of trash and other debris.

He said all he needs is a truck to take several inmates to roadsides in need of cleaning and to haul away the debris. The trustees will wear their regular jailhouse uniforms: bright orange in color. They will work in crews of 8 or 10 and will be guarded by two armed officers with radio communication. "Any time you work prisoners outside the institution, there is always a slight risk of escape. So we're not going to put Jack the Ripper out there," added Ajidin Salleh.

He said that he's not worried about escapes, however. He thinks they are highly unlikely. He explained that inmates on the road crews will be trustees carefully chosen by his staff. Corrections officers will screen inmates who have been sentenced, weeding out sex offenders and those guilty of assaults and other serious crimes. Likely candidates will be those convicted of theft, fraud, drunken driving, writing bad checks, and petty larceny, for example. Ajidin said, while seeing how the program works initially, the crews will work in more remote areas of the county. He further explained that all the trustees will be serving sentences of less than a year and, if they escape, they would be liable for sentencing of up to five more years in a state prison. The county used road crews until the 1970s.

Officials abolished them then because some people began to complain that the county was exploiting the prisoners and that it was degrading for them to work along roadways where everyone could see them and know they were criminals. The sheriff said he was a deputy then, and many inmates were unhappy when the county abandoned the practice. Now, they will be paid about RM 4 an hour for their work. Also, for each month they work, four days will be taken off their sentence. The sheriff said he does not expect a problem finding volunteers. Most inmates like to work, he said. It makes their time go faster. A lot of them would work seven days a week if you let them, anything to get out of their cells, he said. Prisoners inside the jail, helping with the cleaning and cooking there, are also paid RM 4 an hour, and money for some prisoners' salaries is already budgeted in the department's annual budget.

Minister of Home Affairs, Hamzah Zainudin, was also at the meeting and supported the idea. He agreed to provide all the necessary trucks. He said he likes the idea because the county needs crews to clean both roadways and parks and, since the labor costs are low, the plan will save his department money as well as benefit the public. Hamzah further stated that he firmly believes that the program will also be popular with the public because people will like to see the jail's inmates work. If successful, the program will expand to include more inmates and more trucks.

You just got in the office and this brief was lying on your table. Without changing existing facts, write a **NEWS FEATURE** article not exceeding 500 words. Be thorough; include most of the information provided for your stories. The material above is wordy, and poorly organized, it will have to be extensively rewritten.

(50 marks)

-THE END-

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