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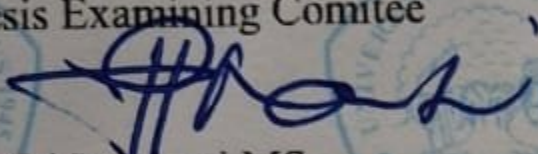
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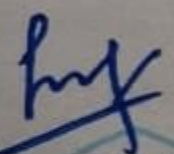
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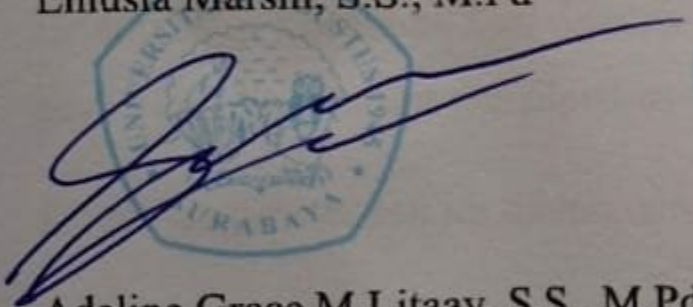
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There is a joke that describes life. "A pessimist sees a dark tunnel, an optimist sees a light at the end of the tunnel A realist sees a freight train and the train driver sees three idiots standing on the tracks." I strive to be the train driver in life.

- Muhammad Taufiq Gani Putra.

FOREWORD

After reading John Le Carré's *Agent Running in the Field*, I felt a sense of friendship filled with moral urgency and strong political incitement, depicted through literary sentences filled with problems, conflicts, dilemmas, and emotions surrounded by the power of friendship. This is not just a story of ordinary friendship; it is a friendship amidst betrayal, ideological struggle, and despair against the backdrop of real-world threats. This script will leave a lasting impression on you.

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ABSTRACT

This thesis observes the friendship between Nat and Ed in Carre's *Agent Running in the Field*. Using qualitative research, this thesis discusses the types of friendship that are shown in Carre's *Agent Running in the Field* and how the friendship puts some impacts on the lives of Nat and Ed. In the analysis, the theory of friendship by Aristotles discussed in Lorraine Smith Pangle's *Aristotle and the Philosophy of Friendship* is applied. The result of the study shows that there are 2 kinds of friendships: Friendship of Pleasure that develops through shared interest and hobbies, and Friendship of Virtue that develops through mutual emotional support and self-improvement. The study also reveals that the friendships brings several impacts on Nat and Ed's life: Nat's loyalty to the British government starts to waver thanks to Ed's radical belief in present time politics; Nat's job is under a risk because of Ed's impulsive action and their friendship is discovered by MI6 and MI5; Ed becomes much happier and less stressed out after he finally finds what he thinks is a true friendship and true love; and Ed manages to be rescued from an attempt to forcefully conscript him as a spy thanks to Nat and Prue's help.

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