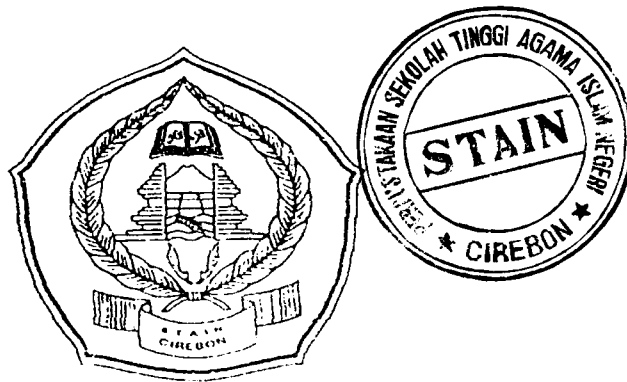


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## ABSTRACT

### **EUIS FERAWATI : THE STUDENTS' ERROR OF USING COMMA IN WRITING AT THE SECOND YEAR STUDENTS OF MA AL-ISHLAH BOBOS- DUKUPUNTANG**

Writing is the one of language skills that must be mastered by us especially for the students. When we write, we must have the writing skills and one of writing skills is using as punctuation marks. One of punctuation marks is comma, comma is use as problem, because many of us disparage and neglect the using of comma in writing.

The question of research involve what is the students' competence in understanding comma, how is the students' mastery of using comma in writing at the second year students of *MA Al-Ishlah Bobos*, and what are the hindrances of the students' understanding of comma.

The purpose of research are to get the data about students' competence in understanding comma, to get data about the students mastery in using comma in writing, and to get data about the hindrances of the students' understanding of comma at the second year students of *MA Al-Ishlah Bobos*.

This thesis uses qualitative and quantitative approach, in which the writer uses some techniques those are : observation, interview and test. In analyzing the data, the writer uses the items by percentage scale of students' error analysis of using comma in writing.

The outcome of the research points that the percentage of students' error writing in using coma is 27.07 % which it includes into low error. It means that the second year students of *MA Al-Ishlah* knew how to use the comma in their writing but they still disparage and neglect it, they do error because they don't know the meaning of sentences, the type of sentences, and they don't understand the sentences. The hindrances of the students' understanding of comma are in learning strategy, teaching techniques and folklore of foreign language.



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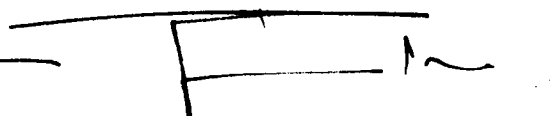
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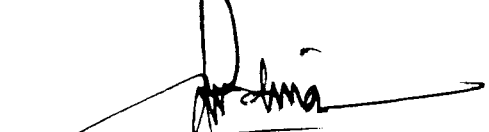
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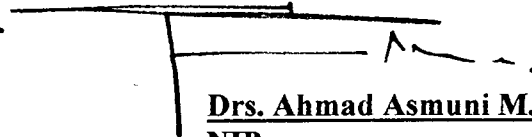
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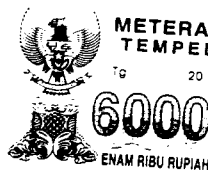
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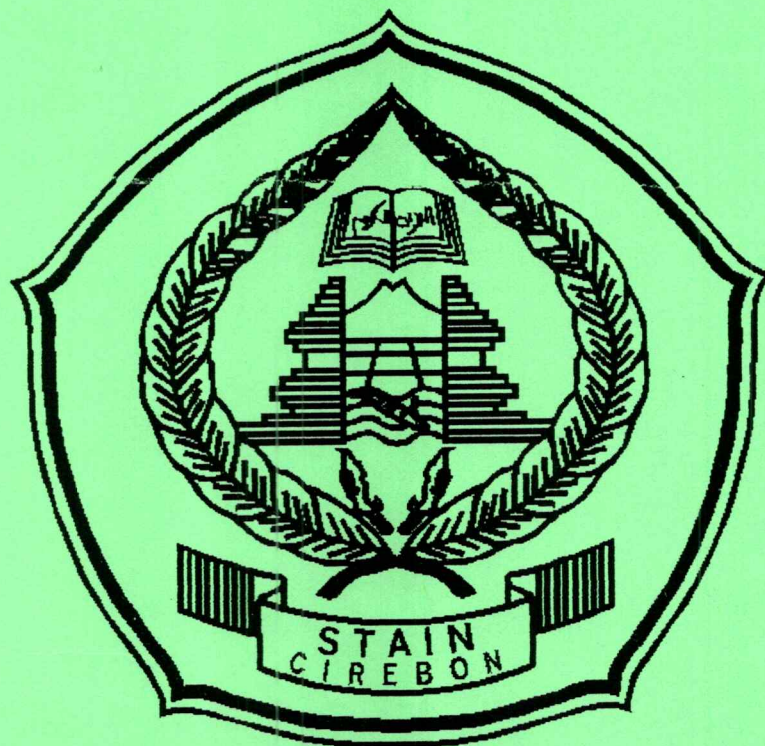
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