1. (9 Points) Read the article Lean’s Last Hand by Chris Pope, Industrial Engineer, July 2008, Pages 35-39. (You can access the article through Georgia Tech Library online, search in the ABI/INFORM database).
   a. What was one of the first steps Vesta took to improve production efficiency?
   b. Explain how Vesta improved its production scheduling.
   c. What benefits did Vesta achieve from improved production scheduling?

2. (6 Points) Read the article Secret Treasurer by Fink, Gillett, and Saatkamp, Industrial Engineer, July 2008, Pages 40-44. (You can access the article through Georgia Tech Library online, search in the ABI/INFORM database).
   a. What is VMI?
   b. How could RFID technology benefit a supplier in a VMI agreement? (List 3 benefits.)

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