

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

Literature is a written expression of author that includes human beings as the objects figure depicts implicitly. It usually depicts the human's activities in their daily life. Clarer states in his book about literature. In most cases, literature is referred to as the entirety of written expression, with the restriction that not every written document can be categorized as literature in the more exact sense of the word (Clarer, 2004: 1). Statement above refers to all of written expressions which classified as a literature. However, it is different with document, because the words and sense of document is restricted. Thus, document do not classified as literature. Moreover, Rees in his book *English Literature* states serenely that literature is a permanent expression in words of some thought or feelings in ideas about life and world (Rees, 1973: 117). Rees' Statement above reinforces that literature is the expression from the author's idea that conveys in the form of text about life and world which contains good moral. In addition, that written expression refers to the literary work such as drama, poem and novel. It represents some conflicts that contains good points for readers.

Novel is kind of narrative prose which has length of romance story. Novel always portraying the character's activities to undergoes their daily life that includes moral value. In most cases it is just fiction. Such stated by Rees that, the event presented did not occur in real life, although they may be real to life, because all literary works should depicts life of various types (Rees, 1973: 123). The statement above refers to novel which creates to convey a particular

meaning that happened and experienced by author in a verbal text. It depicts the life in various ways. Moreover, it is also substantiated by Meyer that the basic literature is written verbal text.

The most basic characteristic of literature, it seems to me, is that a literary work is a verbal text. Further, a good example of a literary text will be written: although we can speak of oral literature, the fact that we need to use the qualifier 'oral' indicates that such texts are not the best examples—not the prototypes—of literature (Meyer, 1997: 4)

Statement above implies that characteristic of literature is verbal text form. Although, oral or speak is also as literature but it is not prototypes of literature. So that, oral cannot be classified as a good literature. Then, there are many literary works which expressed in written text, for instance *Pride and Prejudice* novel. Jane Austen as the author of *Pride and prejudice* novel expresses her thought and feeling in written text based on condition which happens in those moment.

*Pride and prejudice* novel is the romantic novel that portrays the life condition in Longbourn Village of 1813. It tells about the interesting romance of love between Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth through some sequences of conflict. In *pride and prejudice* novel portrays clearly about the social condition which is faced Elizabeth as the main character. Moreover, Jane Austen includes many comfortable things can be analyze, for instance; Elizabeth as the main character who has different personality than her older/younger sisters. It appears when she meets Mr. Darcy. Although Mr. Darcy insults her, however there is no grudge in her heart for Mr. Darcy.

"Which do you mean?" and turning round he looked for a moment at Elizabeth, till catching her eye, he withdrew his own and coldly said: "She is tolerable, but not handsome enough to tempt *me*; I am in no humor at present to give consequence to

young ladies who are slighted by other men. You had better return to your partner and enjoy her smiles, for you are wasting your time with me (Austen, 2011: 8)

Mr. Darcy insults Elizabeth when Mr. Bingley offers him to invite Elizabeth for a ball. However, Elizabeth doesn't care with that statement. She doesn't replay that insult. She just enjoy the assembly until the end.

Moreover, *pride and prejudice* is the most famous novel of Jane Austen which tells about miss understanding of Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy as the man who hates him at the first time they meet. However, by the time Mr. Darcy becomes falling in love with Elizabeth because she is a careful woman, polite, and patient. In addition, in the novel, Elizabeth describes about her social life and also how she filter the good and bad things for her life and her family. Thus, reader can understand about Elizabeth's character along the story when they pay attention everything she does.

Elizabeth is the main character that suffering some problems in her life. The problem she suffer doesn't makes herself hopeless. Otherwise it makes her confidence strongly. It appears when she meets Mr. Darcy again in other moment. She doesn't angry when Mr. Darcy insults herself and her family likes the first time they meets at the assembly in Meryton. She able to arrange her fury although the insult towards herself as the poor woman. Instead Elizabeth makes herself stable which means to respect others. It indicates that Elizabeth arranges her behavior to fulfill her needs. Such pointed by Heylighen which quoted from Maslow that human behavior is motivated by a set of basic needs (Heylighen: 1992). It means human tends to satisfy their needs in every activities they do.

Then, in his book *Motivation and Personality* Maslow stated that people are motivated to achieve the certain needs. When one need is fulfilled a person seek to fulfill the next one, and so on. (Maslow, 1943). It indicates that human tends to fulfill their needs. When the basic needs are fulfilled they tends to seek and fulfill the next needs. It happen until they become a self-actualized person. After people fulfilled their self-actualization needs, they tends to develop what becomes their potential to be more creative and worthy for others.

In this study, to analyze *pride and prejudice* novel writer uses the hierarchy of human needs theory by Abraham Harold Maslow. It will elaborates the main character's how she satisfy her needs. It will be supported by some secondary data that relates to hierarchy of human needs theory. Deals with the hierarchy of human needs theory, Maslow divides it into two categories; basic needs and growth needs. Basic needs includes physiological needs, safety needs, love and belonging needs. While, growth needs includes esteem needs and Self-actualization needs. The fulfilment of those needs such stated by Boeree from Maslow (1943) as below.

The physiological needs includes the need for oxygen, water, protein, salt, sugar, calcium, and other minerals and vitamins. The safety and security needs is finding safe circumstances, stability, and protection. Love and belonging needs are the need for friends, a sweetheart, children, affectionate of relationships in general, even a sense of community. Esteem needs are fulfilment of respect of others or respects others, such as status, fame, glory, recognition, attention, reputation, appreciation, dignity, even dominance. And self-actualization needs are finding ones potentials. (Boeree, 2006)

This study will present the main character's fulfilment of self-actualization needs, esteem needs, love and belonging needs, safety needs, and physiological/biological needs. The last will discuss about the characteristics of self-actualization which corroborates Elizabeth as a self-actualized person.

### **B. Scope of the Study**

This study focus on analyzing of fulfilment of Elizabeth's needs as the main character in *Pride and Prejudice* novel by Jane Austen. This analysis uses hierarchy of human needs theory by Abraham Harold Maslow as the way to know the fulfilment of Elizabeth's self-actualization needs.

### **C. Problem Formulation**

This study will be conducted because need is kinds of deficiency for everyone that must be fulfilled in their life. Actually people can't avoid themselves from satisfaction of their needs. Thus, the interesting problem formulation are follows:

1. How does Elizabeth satisfy her self-actualization needs based on Abraham Harold Maslow's hierarchy of human needs theory?
2. How the characteristics does appears in Elizabeth as a self-actualization person?

### **D. Object of the Study**

Object of the study in this analysis are follows:

1. To describe how Elizabeth satisfy her self-actualization needs based on Abraham Harold Maslow's hierarchy of human needs theory.
2. To describe the characteristics appears in Elizabeth as a self-actualized person.

### **E. Significant of the Study**

Hopefully this analysis will give benefit to Sultan Agung Islamic University students and everyone who reads this analysis. The beneficials are as bellows:

1. A source for everyone who wants to do research about human needs that must be fulfilled before others.
2. A course to make the reader consider their significant needs that must be fulfilled, so they can be happy live in the world.
3. A contribution for Sultan Agung Islamic University to improve the student's knowledge especially in English Literature.

#### **F. Outline of the Study**

There are five chapters in this study. Chapter one contains of introduction which is divided into background of the study, scope of the study, problem formulation, object of the study, significant of the study and outline of the study. Chapter two is review on related literature which consists of synopsis, humanistic psychology, Maslow's human needs theory, and characteristics of self-actualization. Chapter three research method which consists of object of the study, type of the data, data collection method and data analysis technique. Chapter four consists of finding and discussion. It discuss Elizabeth's self-actualization fulfilment based on Hierarchy of Human Needs of Abraham Maslow. Chapter five consists of conclusion and suggestion.