

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter presents the introduction of the study which consists of: background of the study, problem formulation, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, significance of the study, and organization of the study.

#### **A. Background of the Study**

Human is a creature who has personality. Every human born to have different personalities and of course it makes differences in some aspects of their lives. However, they also have similar things, like desires and needs. All of their desires and needs must be fulfilled. So, they will struggle to make all those things happen to their own ways. It is stated by Griffin that “Although everyone has the same set of the needs, our ways of fulfilling those needs can be different” (Griffin 126). It shows that every human has different way to reach and fulfill their needs. Their desires and needs make them motivated to reach their dreams and purposes to live. Without desires and needs, they will not have a dream or purpose to keep living in this world.

Living in this world is the tough task to do for every human. Human must struggle to fulfill all their need to keep alive. When they want to fulfill all their needs, they will meet some obstacles which block their way to reach it. They must pass those obstacles one by one. In order to pass the obstacles, they should solve from the easy to the hard one. It makes easier to pass and solve all the obstacles which block their ways to satisfy their needs.

Nevertheless, the need to have a better life push human to fight what they want. It makes the hierarchy of needs appeared in human life. As long as they are still alive, the desire will always be there to satisfy their needs. Because human is born to be a human being who always has needs and never satisfied enough with everything in their life. They always want something more until they die. According to Maslow in Pittman and Zeigler that:

Man is a wanting and rarely reaches a state of complete satisfaction except for a short time. As one desire is satisfied, another pops up to take its place. When this is satisfied, still another comes into the foreground, etc. It is a characteristic of the human being throughout his whole life that he is practically always desiring something (qtd. in Pittman and Zeigler 24).

It is in their blood that human always have a desire about something in their whole life. The needs will always appear one by one continuously until their last breath. Therefore, they will not give up until all their needs and goals are completed.

Abraham Harold Maslow is well-known with his theory, hierarchy of needs. According to his theory, self-actualization is the key motivation in hierarchy of needs. Self-actualization can be fulfilled after the basic needs; physiological needs, safety needs, belongingness and love needs, and esteem needs, are completed. "To attain self-actualization, people must satisfy lower level needs such as hunger, safety, love, and esteem. Only after they are relatively satisfied in each of these needs they can reach self-actualization" (Feist and Feist

281). All of those lower needs should be fulfilled first one by one before they can reach and satisfy their self-actualization.

Abraham Maslow believed that human are always motivated by their needs. They do not have just one need, but they will have more than just one needs along with their desire to have a better life. Their needs will always change and grow. It will be replaced by the other needs when the previous needs are satisfied. It started with the first human need. As the first human need, physiological needs will appear to take control. For the example, a man which has a job as boxing instructor feels hungry. He wants to eat, so he makes money by teaching his trainees. Then, he is getting paid by his trainees. He uses the money to buy his foods, so he will not starved.

After the physiological need is satisfied, the other needs will take a place which is the second stage, safety needs. He needs a shelter to protect him from heat, rain, and any dangers, so he is buying a house. A house he buys with the money he made before. Now, he has foods and a house, it shows that the need for physiological and safety are no longer exist. The third stage will pop up is belongingness and love. He lives alone in his house which makes him feel lonely. He needs affections by other people. Therefore, he will to marry with the woman he loves and make a family with her. After he makes his own family and not feeling lonely anymore, the esteem needs will replace the other needs before. The boxing instructor will fulfill his esteem needs by training his trainee to become a succesful boxer, so he can boost his name to be famous as a boxing instructor and it will improve his career. When all of those basic needs are satisfied, then self-

actualization can be fulfilled. He actualizes himself by becoming a famous and successful boxing instructor, and also make a great career in his life.

*Four: A Divergent Collection* is a dystopian, science fiction novel which has been written by Veronica Roth and published in 2014. This novel is included in Divergent series novel. The novel tells about a human struggle to live in difficult situation. The main character in the novel shows how human try to fulfill all their needs in order to live their life to the fullest. It describes its main character, *Four* has been going through so many obstacles in his life which make a life-changing in his whole life. His life-changing start when he is choosing Dauntless over than his own faction, Abnegation.

In his life, Four gets some difficulties to fulfill all his human needs. When Four lives in his father's house as Abnegation, his needs for physiological, safety, belongingness and love, esteem, and self-actualization can not be fulfilled properly in that place. Although Four can not satisfy some needs properly, but he still survives until he chooses a new faction and becomes a Dauntless member. His desire to escape from his abusive father and try to find his true self pushing him to go out from his old faction and choose Dauntless as his new faction. The moment he leaves Abnegation, Four starts to try to fulfill all his human needs one by one until he reaches his self-actualization in Dauntless.

In the case of Four, he has inspired the human beings to self-actualize all their potencies in some many conditions. Through his character, it shows that every human being has right to develop their talents. To measure how far the

talents can be develop, hierarchy of needs can be used as the method to analyze Four's potencies in the novel.

There are so many literary works that discuss about the self-actualization of the main character; and fortunately, this novel "*Four: A Divergent Collection*" also discusses about it. To know the representation of each basic needs to get the highest need, self-actualization, this study will analyze the Four's character in Veronica Roth's novel *Four: A Divergent Collection*. In this novel, the main character, Four has his own difficulties to get the hierarchy of needs, but in the end, Four can fulfill all the needs. By reviewing the character in achieving the self-actualization, it will be easy to analyze the representation of each basic needs of human.

## **B. Problem Formulation**

The problem of the study can be stated as follows:

1. What the main character's basic needs are that have to be fulfilled in order to set his self-actualization in Veronica Roth's *Four: A Divergent Collection*?
2. What are the characteristics of self-actualized person as found in Four as the main character in Veronica Roth's *Four: A Divergent Collection*?

## **C. Limitation of the Study**

By reviewing the background of the study, this study discusses about Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs theory toward the main character as reflected in Veronica Roth's *Four: A Divergent Collection*.

#### **D. Objectives of the Study**

The objective of the study are:

1. To find the main character's basic needs that have to be fulfilled in order to set his self-actualization in Veronica Roth's *Four: A Divergent Collection*.
2. To explain the characteristics of self-actualized person as found in Four as the main character in Veronica Roth's *Four: A Divergent Collection*.

#### **E. Significance of the Study**

This study can be used as in the following ways:

1. This study may help people to develop and enrich their knowledge about hierarchy of needs by Abraham Maslow.
2. This study can be used as an academic reference for students of College of Languages and Communication Science Sultan Agung Islamic University, and especially to people who read and have interest with literary study on Veronica Roth's *Four: A Divergent Collection* using Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs theory.

#### **F. Organization of the Study**

This study is systematically organized in five chapters. First chapter discusses different matter as follows: background of the study, problem formulation, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, significance of the study, and organization of the study.

The second chapter, it reviews of related literature consists of: the synopsis of *Four: A Divergent Collection* by Veronica Roth and the explanation of Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs which consists of the physiological needs, safety needs, belongingness and love needs, esteem needs, and self-actualization.

Third chapter is Research Method consists of types of research, data organizing, and analyzing the data. In the data organizing, there are two subchapters; data collecting method and types of the data where the data collecting method consists of: reading the novel, identifying the data, classifying the data, and reducing the data.

Fourth chapter is findings and discussion consists of the main character's basic needs and self-actualization along with the characteristics as reflected in the novel.

The fifth chapter is the conclusion and suggestion. The conclusion contains the result of the study. The suggestion gives note and message to the readers.