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## ABSTRACT

This research is about the moral values portrayed in the Silent wife novel written by A.S.A Harrison. Moral values are origins from the words moral and value. The definition of Moral is a term of approval and it is opposed to immoral or morally wrong and in other words Value is something that interested for us, something that we have to know in our life, something that pleases, something that loved, and in short value is something good. There are two theories of moral values which combined and used in this research, theory of living moral values of DianeTillman (2004) and Linda and Eyre (1995), both of those will used to answer the aims of this research to found the moral values of the Silent Wife novel that discussed in this thesis. The object that the writer used in this thesis is novel entitled Silent Wife novel. In order to analyze the moral values of the novel, the writer used qualitative research method. The writer found 33 of moral values that consist in the Silent wife novel. There are 27 moral values found by the first theory and 6 moral values of the second theory. The discussion in this story was dominated by the first theory of Diane Tillman (2004).

Key Words : *novel, character, moral values.*





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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of the study

Nowadays many people can get entertainment from many sources that known in this era especially internet. On the internet we can get and see many sources that provide various entertainment such as novel, drama, poetry and many others that really important for people. All of the creation that we know in our daily life especially something or creation that we are interested where it is really important to know because it can help us to do some tasks and support our activities.

Literatures known as one of the creation that known in the scope of education. Literature can also be interpreted as a reference that is used to obtain certain information. Literature can be in the form of books or various types of writing because it reflects the various experiences, ideas, passions, of human beings in their daily life that express on several forms and styles of literary works. Literature directly derives from human life, it can increase our knowledge and experiences about human problems including values, morals, cultures, and human interest. According to James pickering & Hoeper (1981:1) 'Literature is a uniquely human activity, born of man's timeless desire to understand, express, and finally share experiences'. From the above sentence we can found out that people who have an interest in pouring ideas and their various imaginations as well as knowledge that can be channeled and made it into a literary work.

Another definition comes from Klarer (2004:1) that in most cases 'Literature is referred to as the entirety written expression, with the restriction

that not every written document can be categorized as literature in the more exact sense of the word. The definitions, therefore, usually include additional adjectives such as "aesthetic" or "artistic" to distinguish literary works from texts of everyday use such as telephone books, newspapers, legal documents and scholarly writings. People who like written works must be able to distinguish between written works that are not in literature and real literary works because the sentence from above is explained as meant by literary works can be recognized by aesthetics and artistic that consist in the object. From the statement above the writer thinks that literature as the important roles that can influence the readers insight about their life and give some valuable things in their life through a literary work.

Based on the explanation above literature has many creation that we can enjoyed in our life and novel known as the most popular literary work. Novel also can be seen as particular kind of literary works and it is mostly defined as reflection of life or everything we find in real life. Many people loves to spend their spare time to read a novel because it is one of the literary work that interesting since it talks about human activities, describe what happened in surrounding and influence the readers to feel and think that they are as main character in the story.

According to Richard Taylor in understanding the elements of literature (1981:46) explains that a novel is normally a prose work of quite some length and complexity which attempts to reflect and express something of the equality or value of human experience or conduct. From those explanation it tells that in order to writing a novel the author will express all of the effort and creative idea to create a stories based on experiences and sttrue stories that occur as well as fiction that is

made from the imagination of a writer that is inseparable from the various elements written in the story such as characters, story. lines, values, messages, and various other elements that consist in a novel.

According to Diyanni (2004) in Lonasari (2018) defines that in reading fiction such as novel we share the imaginative vision of another, adopting, however briefly, his or her way of perceiving the world. That is a factor when reading a novel readers will found and get some of morals and values within the story because reading novels also learning about life in a surprising way without taking any risks, we take apart in the action of story and authors, that is what proves that novel is very important and influential in the reader's life especially in teaching moral because in this global era people need to improve their moral in order not get bad influences.

There are many kinds of novel in literature with different stories, value, genres, themes, and settings that can be found in the literary works. In this research the writer will use an object from a novel entitled silent wife. Silent wife is the title of a thriller romance novel which published by Noura Books in 2013. This novel has 376 thick pages written by A.S.A Harrison, A Canadian writer, was not a name known on the stage of a fiction book in the literature untill he published this novel called Silent Wife in 2013. This was the first and last novel, because he died of cancer at the age of 65.

This novel tells about a broken relationship committed by an unofficial wife named Jodi Brett. A women who did everything perfectly when she is living with her boyfriend and always silent in all the problems that she faces with Todd Gillbert who was



a cheater and betrayal man with complicated problems about his relationship, a way of life, and how far she will face all kinds of problems in order to maintain their relationship with Jodi Brett. The definition of Silence in American heritage dictionary (2020) Silence is the condition or quality of being or keeping still and silent. In this novel the word "Silent" as adjective in this novel's title explains about a wife who always silent when she has complicated with her husband especially the problems in her household.

According to explanation above the story of the silent wife novel written by A.S.A Harrison (2013) makes the writer feel interested in determining this novel as an object and analyzed it in this research. Especially the writer is interested with Silent wife novel because this novel provides good story to learn for the writer in the future and also the writer curious with this story that seen from Jodi Breet as the main character with her attitude in silent act that she did, especially in this novel there are some moral values of life that she and also other main character show in this story. The other's reason the writer choose silent wife novel because this novel can support to made this research which is it will give new knowledges for the writer and readers.

In this research the writer has a purpose to analyze moral value that consist in the novel, it is moral values of life. There is some of research which the writer learn as previous study, the research entitled "Moral values in charles dickens great expectations and its relation to character education that written by musinda lestari (2018) English Education Program Faculty of Teacher Training and Education University of Mataram and other research the writer seen from a journal written by Dianita prastiwi (2018) entitled Implementation of Living Values Education Program

In Ra Tiara Chandra In The Formation of Character, From that previous studies in this research the writer will use a theory that related with both of them, it is analyze the moral values of life that comes from a theory by Diane Tillman (2004) where in his theory it is explain the moral values that divided into twelve values. there are peace, appreciation, love, tolerance, honesty, humility, cooperation, happiness, responsibility, simplicity, freedom, unity and also other theory that the writer used in this research , it is a theory by Linda & Richard eyre (1995) where in their theory it is explain the moral values divide into values of being and values of giving.

### **1.2 Statement of the problem**

There are many things that can be found from this novel such as conflict and plot of the story, characterization of main character, morals that potrayed in the story and etc. In this research based on the background of the study decrbe above the writer will focus on moral values of life that potrayed in the novel and will be analyze it to find the morals that consist in the story because moral is something that interested to learn by readers, that is a reason in this research the writer also interested and would like to deeply analyze this novel and relate it to moral values of life that consist within the story which is explained through some of characters in their actions for example, Jodi brett is one of the character that consist in silent wife novel. Rule out the problem and ending of this story, she is a woman with great attitude and powerful woman because she can manage her emotions and wrath in every problem that she faced. From her characterization it tells to the readers that it contains moral values that can be learned through this novel, but not only Jodi the

writer also interested to find some moral values through other character in this novel.

### **1.3 Research Questions**

The writer likes to give a research question related to the study is :

- What are kind moral values of life potrayed in the silent wife novel written by A.S.A Harrison?

### **1.4 Goal and function**

#### **1.4.1 Goal**

The goals of the study are :

- To find out the moral values of life that potrayed in the silent wife novel written by A.S.A harrison?

#### **1.4.2 Functions**

The functions of this study are :

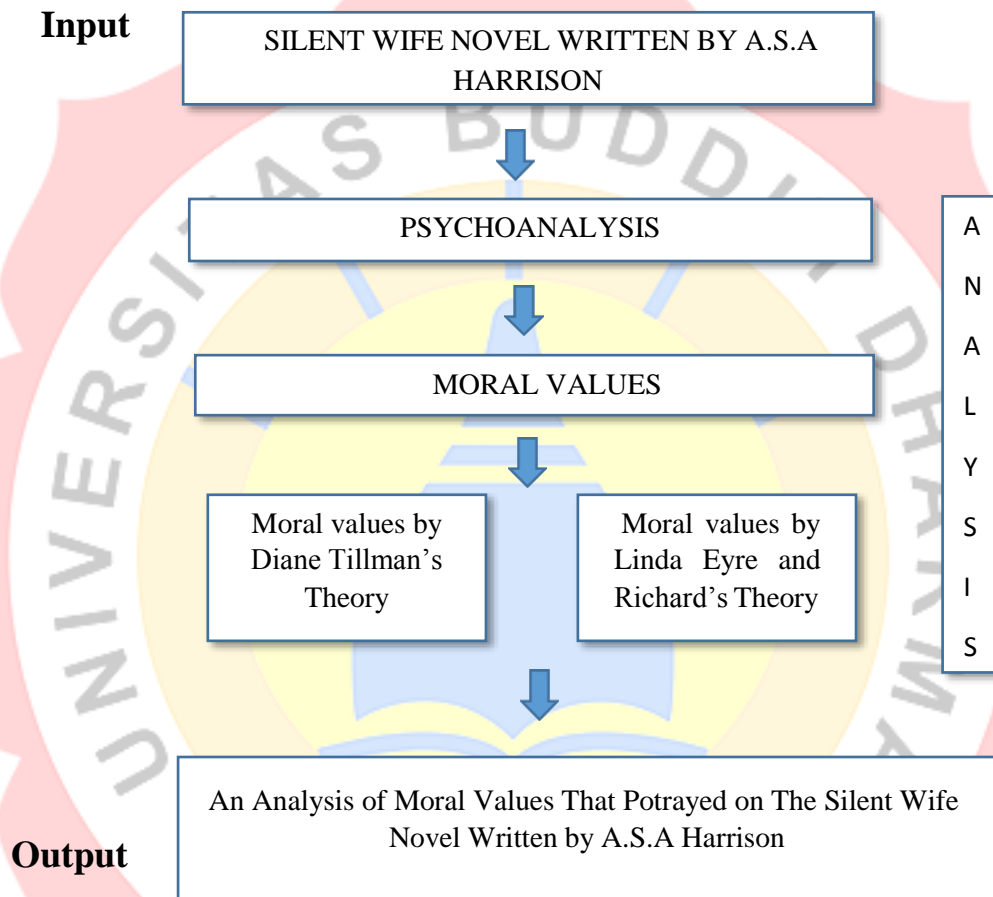
- a. To provide information, inspiration and give knowledge for the readers of this research.
- b. To provide an overview as reference for people who would like to do the same research.
- c. It its useful for teaching the moral values of life to the readers
- d. To tell the readers about some kinds of moral

### **1.5 Scope and Limitation**

The scope of this research is to finds and analyze moral values of life that consist in the silent wife novel written by A.S.A Harrison where it can be seen from Jodi Brett as one of main character and also other charater's act in the Silent wife novel.

Many things that can be discussed in this research but in order to make discussion more specific. The writer wants to limit the problems and ending of the story and more focus on moral values of life that seen in this novel.

### 1.6 Conceptual framework



The process of this research used an object in the form of a novel entitled Silent wife and analyzed moral message that contains in the story. This research used two theories of Tillman (2004) and combined with theory of Linda eyre and Richard to answered the aim of this research. The writer also use some of source such as book, online document, and other sources that support this research. After that the writer

analyzed the object and got the result of moral values in the Silent wife novel written by A.S.A Harrison.





## CHAPTER II

### THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

#### 2.1 Previous study

In this research there are some previous studies conducted by other researchers as follows about moral value in the novel. In order to deepen this study the writer takes several previous studies as a comparative study that have relevant point in order to get some important matters to help this study. The first research entitled "*An analysis on moral values as seen in 'Rise of the guardians' movie*" written by Ibnu Sina Irvany Setiawan (2014) from English Department of Education Faculty State Islamic Studies Institute Stain Salatiga. In this research the writer found that the research focus on findings the moral values that portrayed in Rise the guardians movie, this thesis applies theory of moral value by Linda and Eyre and Richard (1997) that explain some of moral values. The result of this research is the writer found there are 13 moral value that revealed in the rise guardians movie.

The second research entitled "*Moral Values in Charles Dickens' Great Expectations and its Relation to Character Education*" that written by Musinda Lestari (2018) from English Education Program Faculty of Teacher Training and Education University of Mataram. This research tells the moral values that presented in Charles Dickens' Great expectations. It uses qualitative descriptive method applied based on universal moral values by Kinnier et al (2000) in Setyawati (2013) to analyze the moral values and affective perspective. From this research the writer found that there are 19 types of moral values which classified into three relationship : the man relationship with himself, the relationship of

humans with other humans, and human relationship with god and also affective perspective that portrayed in this research.

The third research is *'A Study of Changing Character Showed by Jodi In The Silent Wife Novel by A.S.A Harrison'* written by Putri Hesti Wulandari the student of English Department Faculty Of Arts And Humanities The State Islamic University Of Sunan Ampel Surabaya (2018). This research found about plot, Jodi's characterization and cause of changing character of Jodi Brett in the Silent wife novel written by A.S.A Harrison.

The last research is *'An Analysis of Moral Values in 'Gulliver's Travel' Novel* written by Septiyana Sari the student of Tarbiyah and Teacher Training Faculty State Islamic University of Raden Intan Lampung (2019). Different with both of previous study before, this research discussed about the utterance that shows moral values from the character in Gulliver's travel novel by Swift. The result of this study shows the types of universal values based on Kinnier's theory (2000).

The differences between this research and first previous study are it uses different object research and data which is the first research uses Rise The Guardians movie to analyze the moral value, while the writer in this research uses the novel Silent Wife written by A.S.A Harrison as an object to made a research. The similarity between this present study and the first previous study is it has same purpose in order to analyze the moral values that consist in both object of the research.

However the differences between this research and second previous study it uses different object and data which is it uses Charles Dickens great expectations

and qualitative descriptive method applied based on universal moral values by Kinnier et al (2000) ; Nurgiyantoro (2009:324) in Setyawati (2013) and affective theory by Roman Jakobson in analysis moral value that consist in that novel, while in this research the writer took an object from the silent wife written by A.S.A Harrison. It has similarity between this research and those second previous study, both of those research also analyze the moral values that consist in both object of the research.

The similarity between this research and third previous study are same in the object that used, it was''Silent Wife'' novel written by A.S.A Harrison, while the third previous study different in theory with this research. Putri Hesti Wulandari uses theory of Tyson (2006) to analyze this novel but the writer uses theory of Diane Tillman (2004) and Linda and Eyre (1995) to analyze the moral values in this novel.

Moreover this present study and the last previous study are different at the object and theory, Septiyana Sari (2019) uses theory of moral values to analyze her research and the writer uses universal living moral values theory to analyze the object, beside that its last previous study more focused on the utterance that shows moral values from the character in Gulliver's travel novel by Swift but the writer analyzed the moral values that revealed on the silent wife novel. The similarity both of this research is same to analyze the moral value that consist on the object.

## **2.2 Novel**

Nowadays people can see many of literary works through some of systems that is already sophisticated in this world which people can search for literary works both in websites and written works in the form of books. Many people can convey their

ideas or imagination into a story and create it in a literary works such as novel, before the writer analyzing the element that contained in a novel the writer would define the meaning of novel.

According to Jane Austen ( 2008 : 8) novel is a fictitious prose narrative or tale of considerable length (now usually long enough to fill one or more volumes) in which characters and actions representative of the real life of past or present times are potrayed in a plot of more or less complexity. From the definiton above it is clear that novel tells and create various problems based on the real life into a story. In the novel there are intrinsic elements, that statement can be seen according to Nurgiantoro (1998:10) which divided elemnts of novel into two, those are intrinsic elements and extrinsic elements.

Character is one of the intrinsic element in a novel. According to Abram (2010:42) says that characters are the persons represented in a dramatic or narrative work, who are interpreted by the reader as possessing particular moral, intellectual, and emotional qualities by inferences from what the persons say and their distinctive ways of saying it-the dialogue-and from what they do-the action.

All of stories focus on the actions undertaken by its main character and readers can see them on the basic of what the author tells us about them and on the basic of their act and words. Character refers to moral qualities and ethical standard and principles and also a vehicles for the author in order to convey to the reader about people's view of the world. The reader can learn about individual characters from their own words and action, from what other characters said about them and the way others act towards them.

### **2.3 Character and Characterization**

Character known as people who play in the story. As Roberts stated that in literature a character is a verbal representation of human being as presented to us by authors through the depiction of action, conversation, descriptions, reactions, inner thoughts and reflections, and also through the authors' own interpretive commentary (Roberts, 2003:66) in Safnidar Journal (2016). Character and characterization are important in the story. Both of them relate each other, although they have a differences. To understand the morality of character it can be seen from their behaviour, the reader can see how the ways story presented the characters.

The character's behaviour is called characterization. In other words the writer can see that the characterization is showing a real imagination or behaviour of a person such as in the character in the novel. Characterization will tell to the readers about real, act and behavior of character, so the reader can know deeply about its character.

### **2.4 Moral value**

Nowadays, as we know in our daily life there are many peoples such as our beloved family, friends, and co-workers with different character in their life. In general, it divided into two types : there are bad and good behavior in someone's self, but sometimes peoples hard to evaluate someone's action without something as a legal benchmark for determining attitudes in assessing things. Due with their action moral known as thing that related with skill to decide right and wrong of behavior that can be accepted by society.



Moral value are origins from the words moral and value. According to G.wallace & A.D.M walker (1970:3) states that ‘moral’ is a term of approval and it is opposed to immoral or morally wrong. From that explanation people can know that in our life we need something that must learned to influence our mind in doing something. For the example, the parents will say to their child that liar is a bad thing to do and they have to being honesty in everything because it is one of good moral in life. Especially moral can support us in our relations with others because we may advise or persuade , urge or exhort them to act in those ways even though they are right , we may criticize them or in other ways express our disapproval when they fail to accept our advice or having accepted it , fail through some weakness to act on it. In other hand The term “values” may suggest that judgments of right and wrong, lofty,and base, just and unjust, and more personal preferences, that thing are useful as individuals happen to value them .Values as the important things for people because it can help them to get something in improving and determine the quality of themselves. According to Bertens (2000:139) in Siti munawaroh (2016) Value is something that interest for us, something that we look for, something that pleases, something that loved, and in short value is something good. Value have good connotation. In other words, we can know that people has a mindset about how value can influence them in something good in the future, that is a reason why people try to have and commitment in a good value in their life.

According to the explanation above moral value can be said pole in assess whether an action is right or wrong. According to Audi (2007:47) in Yuyun Wahyuni (2019) moral values is simply an important kind of instrumental value. In

our life there are many moral value that people know and can be seen everywhere we go such as religion moral, humanity moral, economic moral, living moral values and others aspect that we can see in our activities everyday. According to Tillman (2004) and combined with Linda Eyre and Richard (1995) the moral values divided into peace, appreciation, love, tolerance, honesty, humility, cooperation, happiness, responsibility, simplicity, freedom, and unity, bravery, self-discipline, purity and holiness, and sensitive and not selfish.

#### **2.4.1 Types of Moral Values**

The twelve universal moral values are explained by Tillman (2004) as follows :

##### **1) Peace**

Attitudes and words and actions that cause other people to feel happy and safe in their presence.

The point of this values shows that tranquility does not mean there is no chaos but there is peace in the midst of it. Example : A women who really comfortable when she is with her husband. Someone who got many problems but she is still happy everyday.

##### **2) Appreciation**

The appreciation here means attitudes and actions that drive him to produce something that is useful for the community, recognize and respect the success of others. The point of this values shows that every human being is valuable and part of self-esteem is getting to know personal qualities and when we respect ourselves it will be easy for respect others. Example : A

programmer who made an program that useful in his offices, A teacher who proud and respect with her student for what she and her student achieved.

3) Love

Attitudes and actions that always want to provide assistance to others and the community in need. in other words love is the principle that creates and maintains deep and noble relationships. Example : Someone who always help other peole and the other example is A terrible relationship of wife and husband but they dont divorce and still maintain their relationship.

4) Tolerance

It is the attitudes and actions that respect differences in religion, ethnicity, ethnicity, opinions, attitudes and actions of others who are different from him. Tolerance is open and receptive to the beauty of difference. Example : A husband who always tolerance his wife's attitude and opinions with put aside his desire and opinions.

5) Honesty

Behavior that is based on efforts to make himself as a person who can always be trusted in words, actions and work. Honesty is telling the truth.

Example : A students who told the truth to her teacher that they cheat when exam.

6) Humility

People who accept the advantages and disadvantages of themselves and others. The humble person listens and accepts others.

Example : A man who accept his girlfriend as women who has a physical disability.

7) Cooperation

Cooperation is an action that occurs when people work together with others. Cooperation is glued together by the principle of mutual respect.

Example : A company that works with other companies to achieve their purpose.

8) Happiness

Happiness is an action that shows a sense of pleasure and fun. When someone satisfied with himself, happiness comes automatically.

Example : A mother who likes her cuisine in the morning and feel happy when she serve to her husban and children.

9) Responsibility

The attitude and behaviour of a person to carry out their duties and obligations, which he should do to oneself, society, and the environmen (natural, social, and cultural) of the state and almighty god. Responsibility means that to take responsibility for doing your duty with all of your heart.

Example : The employees who really work hard in their office everytime properly.

10) Simplicity

A simple attitude and behavior of a person (not excessive). This point means that simplicity is in the present moment and does not make the problem complicated. Example : A wife who always forgive her husband and let the

problem vanish when she know her husband had an affair with another woman.

#### 11) Freedom

Attitudes and behaviors that show free personal (independent) according to the rules. The real freedom is free from doubts and complexities in the mind, intellect and heart, which arise from negativity. Example : Someone who get rid of his bad thoughts when something bad arise in his head.

#### 12) Unity

Actions that show a sense of unity and prioritize common interests rather than specific individuals or groups. The unity creates a sense of belonging and enhances kindness for all. Example : A boss who always prioritized his employees need than his own need.

#### 13) Bravery

This point shows to dare in try things that are good even though it is difficult and brave to follow your heart despite being left out and suffering from it and also have the courage to be friendly. (Linda & Richard eyre 1995:6)

Example : A businessman who dare to build a company with big risk and begin with debt.

#### 14) Self-discipline

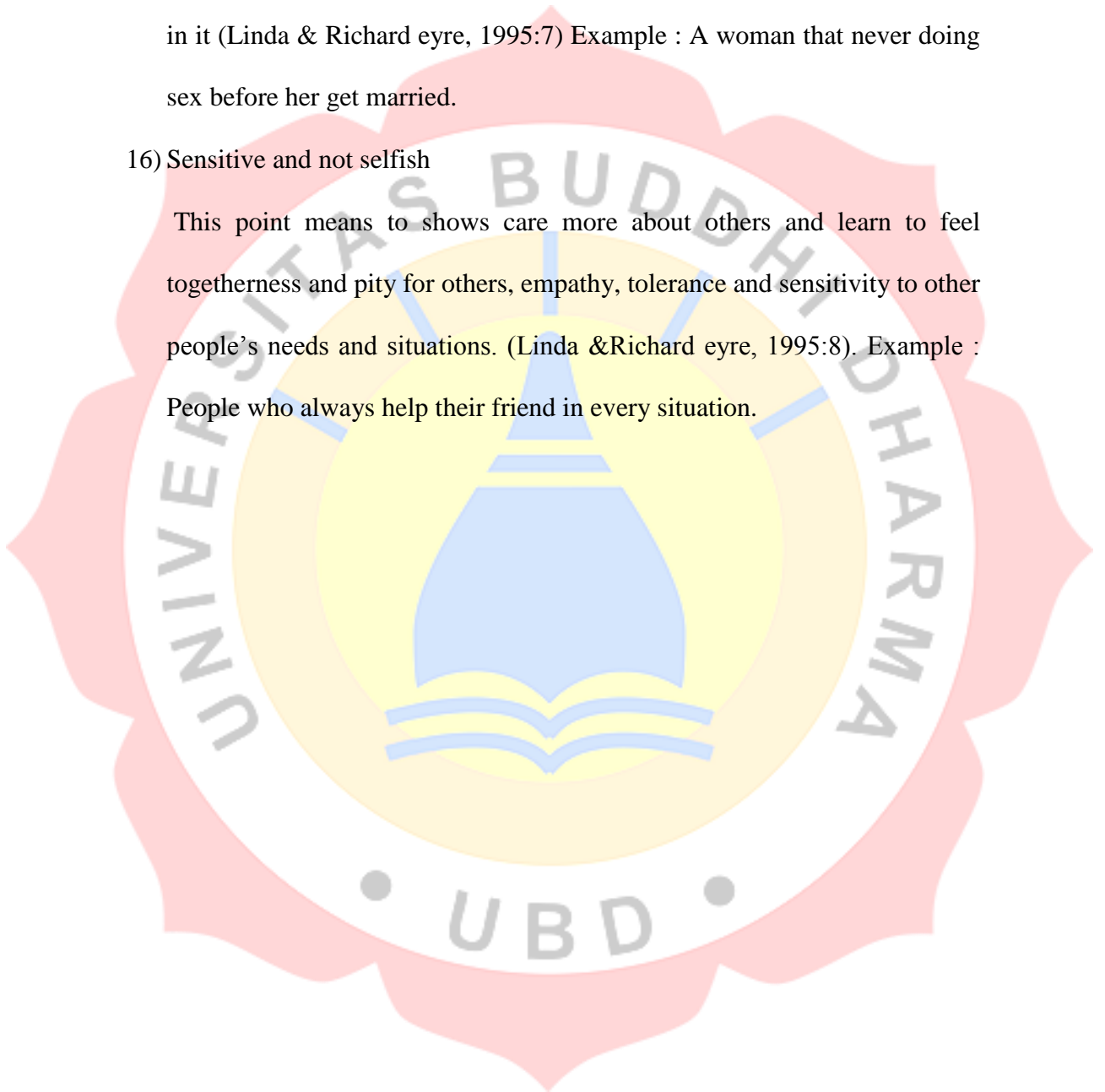
Self-discipline is self-discipline in physical, mental, financial problems and the ability to balance spontaneity with self-discipline ( Linda & Richard eyre, 1995:7) Example : A mother who always discipline to cook in the morning and always do same activities everyday.

15) Purity and holiness

This point means awareness to maintain the value of chastity before and after marriage, understand the purpose of marriage and the role of sexuality in it (Linda & Richard eyre, 1995:7) Example : A woman that never doing sex before her get married.

16) Sensitive and not selfish

This point means to shows care more about others and learn to feel togetherness and pity for others, empathy, tolerance and sensitivity to other people's needs and situations. (Linda &Richard eyre, 1995:8). Example : People who always help their friend in every situation.





## CHAPTER III

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter provides the description about how the writer was conduct research an object that the writer choose and answer the research questions. This chapter discusses the aspect dealing with the research used to collect the data and analyze the data about the novel. Therefore, it covers the explanation of four elements that explained in this chapter. According to *American Heritage Dictionary* (2020). Research is careful study of a given subject, field, or problem, undertaken to discover facts or principles. Methodology, in the other hand, is the branch of logic that deals with the general principles of the formation of knowledge. Therefore, research methodology can be said as a procedure in making a research that is used to analyze a problem in an object and in accordance with the facts. This chapter consist of four elements, there are subject matter, material, approach and procedure.

#### 3.1 Subject Matter

The subject of this research is *Silent wife* novel written by A.S.A Harrison. This novel was the greatest and bestseller novel which makes it a New York Times bestseller. This novel tells about a woman that lives together with her boyfriend for 10 years, both of them always did everything perfectly in their daily life although she already know what the worst thing that her boyfriend did at that time .She always patient and forgive that man in dealing with all the behaviors he has made especially the affair that he witnessed for 10 years living together but all of everything that she has made is nothing for him but she always being silent in her

life. The purposes of this research is to finding the moral values that revealed on the Silent wife novel written by A.S.A Harrison

### **3.2 Material**

In analyzing this research the writer uses secondary data to support the object that the writer uses "Silent wife" novel written by A.S.A Harrison which is published in 25 June 2013 with 376 pages as secondary data. Besides the secondary data the writer also collected many data that related to the subject matter, like the articles, journals and study about moral values. Everything that the writer can found, whether if it is printed or by the internet, all of those support the writer's analysis.

### **3.3 Approach**

Since the writer's research requires data from the novel, the method that will be used during the process of the research is the qualitative method. This method is chosen because the data used for the analysis are in the form of words and sentences from the novel. Important keywords, events and settings from the novel are crucial in conducting this. According to Fraenkel & Wallen (2006:430) in Single case research methodology (2014), the term qualitative research is an umbrella term that refers to a number of descriptive research approaches that investigate the quality of relationship, situation, activities, or material. Based on the said definition, the writer applies qualitative approach to answers the research question in chapter 1 in analyzing the moral values that revealed on the silent wife novel. The writer also takes relevant information from internet, e-book, magazine, official website by author.

In the literature there are many theories that we can apply in analyzing an object such as Marxism, Structuralism, Deconstructionism, and other theories. In this research the writer uses psychoanalytic theory to find out the moral value that consist in the novel. According to Walgito (1997:9) in Fitri Walupi (2013) psychology in the research that studies the attitude and activities of human, that is manifestation. From this statement we can know that psychoanalytic theory can be used by the writer to answer the research question.

### **3.4 Procedure**

In order to do this research through an object. It needs some of ways to do that the writer did to finished this research. The steps that the writer did :

- 1) Firstly, the writer choose the novel and bought it from Gramedia.
- 2) Secondly, the writer read the novel for several times to understand deeply about the main character and all the story in the novel which one it is related to moral values.
- 3) Thirdly, the writer searched for the related theory about moral values from many sources that can be found by the writer.
- 4) Then the writer analyzed the silent wife novel and tried to find the moral values that consist in the novel and the writer try to understand the theory of moral values that the writer applied to help the process of analyzing the moral values in the novel.
- 5) The last step is the writer analyzed novel and finding the results of this research according to the theory that the writer used.