

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Literature is one of the human's creation as a written text based on the fact. This is implied that literature comes from reality. Literature is a medium of cultural society which has the destiny of human life such as their problem, conflict, and struggle of life. It represented the story of reality in human thoughts, feeling, behavior and attitudes originality through the concrete situation (Griffith, 1982:1). People who read literature will get enjoyment as it gives information, knowledge and experience about human daily life. Literature also spread out the philosophy, idea, memory, notion and point of view in cultural construction of reality.

Novel is a part of literature. Novel is written literature that has about forty-five thousand words or more (Kenney, 1966; 103). Novel as a literary work has known since eighteenth century in England. Sometimes novel represents author's life, condition, mind, and surrounding, such as culture, politics, social, and custom. Every novel has its own elements, such as plot, setting, theme, and character.

Character are the persons presented in a dramatic or narrative work, such as novel and short story, who are interpreted by the reader as being endowed with moral and dispositional qualities that are expressed in what they say – the dialogue – and what they do – the action (Abrams, 1981:2).

Therefore, a character is an important element in the story. Some authors make their characters based on their social lives. Sometimes authors become the main characters in their own novels. In the novel Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*, there are some characters, such as Pip, Estela, Miss Havisham, and Joe. Miss Havisham, one of the minor characters in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*, is described as an insane lady who wore a wedding dress and locked herself in her mansion.

Miss Havisham is a very wealthy but insane old woman who lives at Satis House near Pip's village. She is faced with an inner conflict; a conflict between herself and her emotions. On the morning of her wedding day, Miss Havisham's soon-to-be-husband, which we learn is a convict named Compeyson, flees the scene, and leaves her heartbroken. From that day, Miss Havisham falls into a deep depression and lives a life of darkness in her dreary home. She is so strongly impacted by what Compeyson has done to her, and she refuses to be reminded of that awful event in her life. She becomes terribly insane.

Accordingly, the study of this research is conducted to investigate Miss Havisham's insanity in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Due to the topic of the research about Miss Havisham's insanity in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*, the researcher has decided two problems to discuss. They are as follows:

1. How is Miss Havisham's insanity based on Diogenes Syndrome in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*?
2. What are the effects of Miss Havisham's insanity toward herself and other characters in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*?

1.3 Objective of the Study

According to the problem discussed, this research is aimed to solve the problem as stated above namely:

1. To describe Miss Havisham's insanity based on Diogenes Syndrome in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*.
2. To analyze the effects of Miss Havisham's insanity toward herself and other characters in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*.

1.4 Scope of the Study

In this case, the source of data analyzed in this research is taken from Charles Dickens' novel entitled *Great Expectations*. The discussion on this research focuses on the Miss Havisham's insanity. The effects of Miss Havisham's insanity are not only toward herself but also toward other characters as well. In analyzing the data, the researcher limits the topic to avoid a complicated discussion. It is also based on researcher's opinion.

1.5 Significance of the Study

This research hopefully will be useful for the readers and other researchers. For the other researchers who conduct research on the similar topic, this research can be used as the significant reference. In addition, the readers can get a good understanding of Miss Havisham's insanity in Charles Dickens' novel entitled *Great Expectations* by reading this research.