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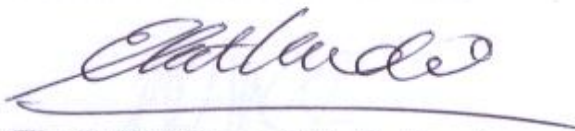
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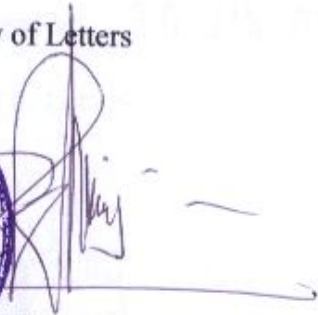
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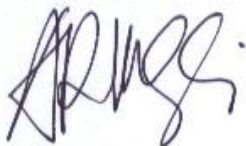
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ABSTRACT

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This analysis concerns with one of William Makepeace's great popular works entitled *Vanity Fair*. This novel tells about Rebecca Sharp, a poor orphan girl, who wants to change her hard life to be better life or to be an aristocrat, and also wants to take revenge againsts the rich's bad treatment to her after her parents's death. The objectives of the study are (1) to explain the causes of Becky Sharp's ambition to be an aristocrat, (2) to show how Becky Sharp achieves her ambition, and (3) to find out the effects of Becky Sharp's ambition on her life. The data corpus of this research are all of the phrases, clauses, sentences and even paragraphs, and discourses related to the Becky Sharp's ambition to be an aristocrat in William Makepeace's *Vanity Fair*. Then, the writer employs library research including internet browsing to find the relevant theories. Moreover psychological approach is used to analyze the data.

The causes of Becky Sharp's ambition are the suppression of the rich, and her hatred to live in poverty. The ways of Becky Sharp in achieving her ambition are being a governess in the rich family, marrying with rich man, and charming the rich men. Becky Sharp's ambition brings some negative effects on her life. The effects are losing her husband and son, breaking off her friendship, and expelling from aristocrat and high society. Becky Sharp becomes a cold or cruel woman who has no love, no affection, and no attention for her family, her friends and her surrounding. She only loves or cares about status and wealth. Finally, she lives alone without the people who loves her, although she can reach her ambition.

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Penelitian ini berkaitan dengan salah satu novel terbaik karya William Makepeace yang berjudul *Vanity Fair*. Novel ini menceritakan tentang Rebecca Sharp, seorang gadis yatim piatu dan miskin yang ingin merubah hidupnya yang keras menjadi lebih baik atau menjadi seorang bangsawan. Dia juga ingin menuntut balas atas perlakuan buruk orang-orang kaya kepada dirinya setelah kematian kedua orang tuanya. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah; (1) menjelaskan penyebab ambisi Becky Sharp ingin menjadi seorang bangsawan, (2) memperlihatkan bagaimana cara Becky Sharp meraih cita-citanya, (3) mendapatkan pengaruh ambisi Becky Sharp dalam hidupnya. Data yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah semua frase, klausa, kalimat, dan bahkan paragraf ataupun wacana yang berhubungan dengan ambisi Becky Sharp untuk menjadi seorang bangsawan pada karya sastra William Makepeace yang berjudul *Vanity Fair*. Untuk mendapatkan data yang sesuai, penulis menggunakan studi kepustakaan termasuk mengakses internet. Lebih lanjut, untuk menganalisa data penulis menggunakan pendekatan psikologi.

Penyebab dari ambisi Becky Sharp adalah penindasan orang-orang kaya dan rasa benci hidup dalam kemiskinan. Cara-cara Becky Sharp dalam meraih cita-citanya diantaranya: (1) menjadi guru privat di kalangan keluarga kaya, (2) menikah dengan laki-laki kaya, dan (3) menggoda laki-laki kaya. Ambisi Becky Sharp membawa beberapa akibat buruk dalam hidupnya. Akibat dari ambisi Becky Sharp antara lain: (1) kehilangan suami dan anaknya, (2) putusnya persahabatan antara Becky Sharp dan Amelia, (3) membuang Becky Sharp dari kaum bangsawan dan kelas atas. Becky Sharp menjadi wanita yang dingin atau kejam yang tidak memiliki perasaan cinta, kasih-sayang, dan perhatian untuk keluarga, teman-teman dan lingkungan sekitarnya. Dia hanya cinta atau peduli mengenai status dan harta kekayaan saja. Akhirnya, dia hidup sendirian tanpa orang-orang yang mencintainya meskipun dia dapat meraih mimpinya.

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