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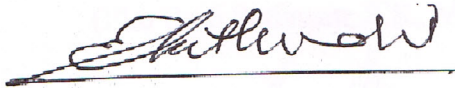
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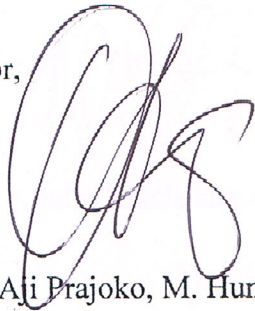
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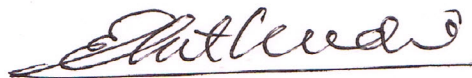
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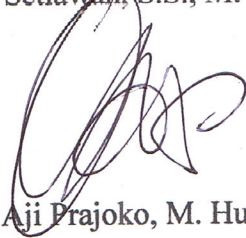
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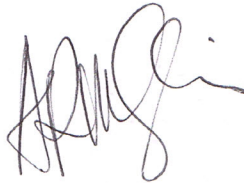
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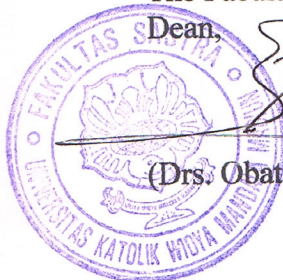
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## ABSTRACT

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The problems of the thesis entitled *An Analysis of Mrs. Bennet's Rational Egoism in Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice* are to answer two questions. Firstly, what are Mrs. Bennet's rational egoism?. Secondly, what are the impacts of Mrs. Bennet's rational egoism to the other characters?.

Library researches including Internet browsing are applied to find the data that have to do with the topic of discussion. The data of the research are in the form of phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraph, and even discourse relate to Mrs. Bennet's rational egoism in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. Sociological and Psychological approaches are used to analyze the data in this thesis. Moreover, the theories that are used in this analysis are Characterization, Character, Simple (Flat) Character, Complex (Round) Character, Motivation, Ambition, Egoism, Rational Egoism.

Mrs. Bennet's rational egoism can be seen from the five phenomena in the followings. Firstly, she forces her husband to attend the noble's party. She does not want to lose the chance and lets the person take it. Secondly, she supports the fifth daughter to marry the militia. Since she is hopeless, she encourages Lydia to meet the militia to get the positive result, namely her daughter's marriage. Thirdly, she arranges her first daughter to marry a noble. Her rational makes her see a big chance to get Mr. Bingley, who is rich, as her son in law. Fourthly, she arranges her second daughter to marry the clergy. Mrs. Bennet has still seen the occasion that Mr. Collins has a chance to marry Elizabeth because Jane has already seen Mr. Bingley. Fifthly, she forces her second daughter to marry the clergy. Mrs. Bennet has a plan to get her daughter closer with Mr. Collins. This is because she does not want to lose the third chance to see her second daughter to get married with a person that she wants.

Mrs. Bennet's rational egoism gets four effects on the other characters. The first is freedom limitation. Mrs. Bennet's rational egoism makes her dictate what Mr. Bennet, Elizabeth, Jane, and Lydia must and must not do and behave. The second is passivity. Mrs. Bennet's rational egoism has bad effects on Elizabeth. Elizabeth has no idea to refuse anything her mother wants. The third is lack of response. Mrs. Bennet's rational egoism has such an unfavorable effect on Mr. Bennet, Kitty, and Elizabeth. They do not welcome enthusiastically Mrs. Bennet's business. The fourth is lack of respect. Mrs. Bennet's rational egoism makes Mr. Bennet, Elizabeth, Jane, Mr. Bingley, and Mr. Darcy lose their respect.



## ABSTRAK

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Permasalahan skripsi yang berjudul *An Analysis of Mrs. Bennet's Rational Egoism in Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice* ini adalah menjawab dua pertanyaan. Pertama, apa egoisme rasional Nyonya Bennet?. Kedua, apa dampak egoisme rasional Nyonya Bennet pada karakter yang lain?.

Penelitian kepustakaan termasuk mengakses Internet digunakan untuk menemukan data yang berhubungan dengan topik bahasan. Data yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah frase, klausa, kalimat, paragraf, dan bahkan wacana yang berhubungan dengan egoisme rasional Nyonya Bennet dalam *Pride and Prejudice* karya Jane Austen. Pendekatan Sosiologis dan Psikologis digunakan untuk menganalisis data. Lebih lanjut, teori yang digunakan dalam analisis ini adalah Characterization, Character, Simple (Flat) Character, Complex (Round) Character, Motivation, Ambition, Egoism, Rational Egoism.

Egoisme rasional Nyonya Bennet dapat dilihat dari lima fenomena berikut. Pertama, ia memaksa suaminya menghadiri pesta para bangsawan. Ia tak ingin kehilangan kesempatan dan membiarkan orang lain mengambilnya. Kedua, ia mendukung anak kelimanya menikah dengan milisi. Sejak ia tak punya harapan, ia menganjurkan Lydia bertemu seorang milisi untuk mendapatkan hasil positif, yaitu pernikahan anaknya. Ketiga, ia merencanakan anak pertamanya menikah dengan bangsawan. Egoisme rasionalnya membuatnya melihat kesempatan besar mendapatkan Tuan Bingley yang kaya sebagai menantu. Keempat, ia merencanakan anak keduanya menikah dengan pendeta. Nyonya Bennet masih melihat kesempatan Tuan Collins menikahi Elizabeth karena Jane telah dengan Tuan Bingley. Kelima, ia memaksa anak keduanya menikah dengan pendeta. Nyonya Bennet mempunyai rencana mendekatkan anaknya dengan Tuan Collins. Ini karena ia tak ingin kehilangan kesempatan ketiga, yakni melihat anak keduanya menikah dengan seorang yang ia inginkan.

Egoisme rasional Nyonya Bennet berdampak pada empat tokoh lain. Yang pertama adalah ketidakbebasan. Egoisme rasional Nyonya Bennet membuatnya mendikte sikap dan tindakan yang harus dan harus tidak dilakukan oleh Tuan Bennet, Elizabeth, Jane, dan Lydia. Yang kedua adalah kepasifan. Egoisme rasional Nyonya Bennet mempunyai efek buruk pada Elizabeth. Elizabeth tak punya ide menolak apapun yang diinginkan ibunya. Yang ketiga adalah ketidaktanggapan. Egoisme rasional Nyonya Bennet memiliki efek tak menguntungkan pada Tuan Bennet, Kitty, dan Elizabeth. Mereka tak menyambut dengan semangat urusan Nyonya Bennet. Yang keempat adalah ketidakhormatan. Egoisme rasional Nyonya Bennet membuat Tuan Bennet, Elizabeth, Jane, Tuan Bingley, dan Tuan Darcy menjadi tidak hormat kepadanya.

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