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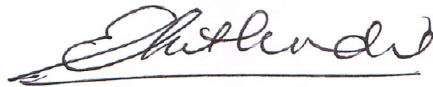
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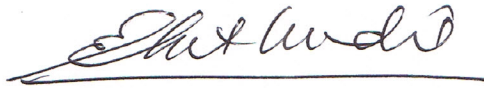
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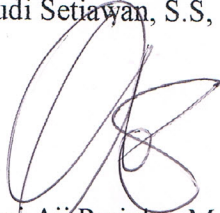
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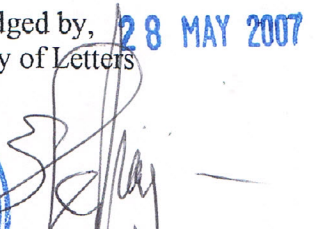
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## ABSTRACT

The objectives of this study, entitled *The Study on the Materialism in George Eliot's The Mill on the Floss* are: (1) to describe the characters' materialistic points of view and actions and (2) to explore the effects of materialism in George Eliot's *The Mill on the Floss*. In this writing, the writer uses library research including internet browsing in order to find the data. Psychological approach and sociological approach are used to analyze the data descriptively.

The characters' materialistic points of view and action are found in the characters of Maggie Tulliver, Tom Tulliver, Elizabeth Tulliver, Jeremy Tulliver, Mrs. Glegg, Mrs. Pullet, Lawyer Wakem and Lucy Deane. All of them have desire to get the wealth. Such as getting married with the persons from high class, making an affair for the sake of financial support or wealth. They think that all of things in this world can be reached with money. Most of them do not care for others' pain and suffering, since what they want in mind is only material things and also their own happiness.

The effects of the materialism are various. Maggie's materialism has effects on Tom Tulliver, Stephen Guest, Philip Wakem, Lucy Deane, St. Ogg's society and herself. Maggie sacrifices her relationship with her brother, Tom. Philip Wakem and Lucy Deane feels suffering from Maggie's affair with Stephen Guest. Then, Stephen also suffers when he knows that Maggie does not love him. Maggie makes a relationship with him only for the sake of the wealth. But in the end of the story, Maggie has a guilty feeling for causing all of the conflicts. The effect is also on Tom. He becomes an optimistic person, while his mother becomes pessimistic. Thus, egoist side is appearing on Jeremy Tulliver and Lawyer Wakem who become egoistic for they fight each other for the wealth. The last effect happens to Dodson's family, Mrs. Glegg and Mr. Pullet. Both of them tend to be snobbish persons because of the wealth.

## ABSTRAK

Tujuan dari penelitian yang berjudul **The Study On The Materialism In George Eliot's *The Mill On The Floss*** adalah: (1) untuk mendeskripsikan sudut pandang dan tindakan materialistik karakter dan (2) menjelaskan akibat dari materialime pada novel *The Mill on the Floss* karya George Eliot. Dalam penulisan ini, penulis menggunakan penelitian kepustakaan termasuk mengakses internet yang bertujuan untuk menemukan data. Pendekatan psikologis dan pendekatan sosiologis digunakan untuk menganalisis data secara deskriptif.

Sudut pandang dan tindakan materialistik dijumpai pada karakter Maggie Tulliver, Tom Tulliver, Elizabeth Tulliver, Jeremy Tulliver, Nyonya Glegg, Nyonya Pullet, Lawyer Wakem, dan Lucy Deane. Seluruh karakter tersebut memiliki keinginan untuk mendapatkan kekayaan. Seperti menikah dengan orang yg berasal dari kelas sosial yang tinggi, membentuk hubungan demi kebutuhan finansial atau kekayaan. Mereka berpikir bahwa semua yang ada didunia ini bisa dicapai dengan uang. Kebanyakan dari mereka tidak peduli pada kesusahan yang diderita oleh orang lain, karena mereka hanya menginginkan hal-hal yang berbau materi dan juga kebahagiaan mereka sendiri.

Akibat dari materialisme beragam. Materialisme pada Maggie berpengaruh pada Tom Tulliver, Stephen Guest, Philip Wakem, Lucy Deane, masyarakat St. Ogg's dan dirinya sendiri. Maggie mengorbankan hubungannya dengan kakaknya, yaitu Tom. Philip Wakem dan Lucy Deane merasa tersiksa karena perselingkuhan Maggie dengan Stephen. Kemudian, Stephen juga merasa tersiksa ketika ia tahu bahwa Magie tidak mencintainya. Maggie berhubungan dengannya hanyalah demi kekayaan. Tetapi, di akhir cerita, Maggie merasa bersalah karena telah menjadi penyebab dari semua masalah yang ada. Akibat dari materialisme juga terjadi pada Tom. Dia menjadi seorang yang optimis, sementara Ibunya menjadi pesimis. Sisi egois dijumpai pada Jeremy Tulliver dan Lawyer Wakem yang menjadi egois karena persaingannya demi kekayaan. Akibat yang terakhir terjadi pada keluarga Dodson, Nyonya Glegg dan Nyonya Pullet. Keduanya menjadi orang yang sombong karena kekayaan.

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