

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

The objectives of this study, entitled *An Analysis of Women and Marriage in Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice* are: (1) to explain women's views on marriage and (2) to explain the factors restricting women's marriage possibilities; and (3) to describe women's marital lives. Library research including internet browsing are used to formulate the conceptual data of woman and marriage that are used to find data. The data corpus of this thesis includes all of the phrases, clauses, sentences, and event discourses which have relation with women and marriage found in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. They can be in the form of dialogues or narratives. Moreover, psycho-social approach is taken to analyze the data. Psychological approach focuses on the women's views on marriage, and the women's marital lives. Sociological approach focuses on the factors that influence women's marriage possibilities.

There are two competing marriage views in *Pride and Prejudice*: convenient marriage and love marriage. Love view on marriage is divided into passionate love marriage and companionate love marriage. Convenient marriage, a marriage for the sake of financial support, is embodied by Charlotte Lucas. She wants to get married for the sake of financial support and ignores the importance of love. Passionate love marriage, a marriage in the basis of sensual desire and physical attraction, is represented by Lydia Bennet. Her marriage to Wickham is not based on true love but a sensual desire. Companionate love, a marriage on the basis of true love and mature

consideration, is experienced by Jane and Elizabeth. They just want to marry men whom they love and who really love them.

The factors restricting women's marriage possibilities are status and money or wealth. Within the society people take status, connection, and wealth into consideration as the important factors in marriage. Being not wealthy and having low status a woman will have limited chance to meet a wealthy man from high class society. Then, she also has limited chance to be married by him. In *Pride and Prejudice*, because of their low status and low income, the Bennet's daughters and Charlotte Lucas have limited marriage possibilities.

Women's marital lives could be successful or unsuccessful. A marriage is successful when there is a union of respect, understanding, sacrifice, affection and mutual love. The real happiness in a marital life is brought by the marriage on the basis of true love. Marriage for the sake of financial purpose only fulfills financial needs, not love and affection. On the other hand, marriage for the sake of physical attraction and sensual desire is considered as the worst marriage.

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