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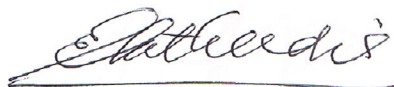
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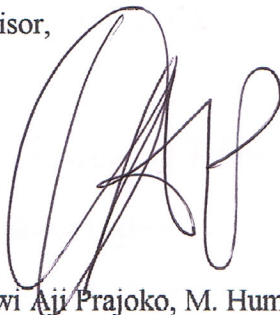
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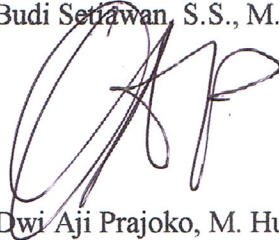
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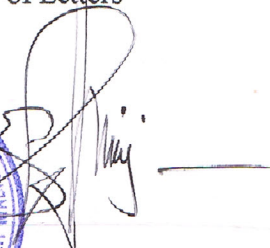


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## ABSTRACT

This study, entitled *An Analysis on Marriage Problems in William Somerset's Merry Go Round*, is aimed: (1) to describe the marriage problems, (2) to find the effects of marriage problems. Library research including internet browsing is used to formulate the conceptual data that related studies. The data corpus of the main character that is found in William Somerset's *Merry Go Round*. They are can be in the form of dialogues, or narratives. Moreover, Psycho-social approaches are taken to analyze the data.

The marriage problems happening in the novel are husband and wife relationship, sexual relationship, sexual division of labor, and economic condition. Firstly, husband and wife relationship problem can be seen in the absence of Basil's love. This gets effect, namely Basil's pretending to love Jenny, Basil's feeling hopeless, Basil's feeling depressed, Basil's living with his wife inharmoniously, Basil's committing adultery. Husband and wife relationship problem can also be indicated by Basil's committing adultery. The effects of it are Jenny's suspicion, Jenny's jealousy, Jenny's depression, Jenny's death. Secondly, sexual competition problem can be confirmed by Paul's sexual inability. The effects of it are Mrs. Castilyon's loneliness, and Mrs. Castilyon's adultery. Thirdly, sexual division problem can be seen when a wife, namely Jenny must quit her job when getting married. The effect of it is economic difficulty in Basil-Jenny marriage. Fourthly, economic condition problem is seen clearly by the low income of Basil's. The effect of it is frequent quarrel between the couple.

## ABSTRAK

Penelitian yang berjudul *An Analysis on Marriage Problems in William Somerset's Merry Go Round*, bertujuan: (1) untuk mendeskripsikan masalah-masalah pernikahan, (2) untuk menemukan akibat-akibat masalah pernikahan. Study perpustakaan termasuk mengakses internet digunakan untuk mendapatkan teori yang sesuai, untuk membentuk susunan yang terkonsep. Lalu susunan yang terkonsep ini digunakan untuk memperoleh data. Data yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah semua frase, klausa, kalimat dan bahkan paragraph ataupun wacan yang berhubungan dengan masalah pernikahan dari karakter-karakter dalam novel *Merry Go Round* karya William Somerset. Data tersebut bisa berbentuk dialog atau narasi. Pendekatan psikologis dan sosiologis digunakan untuk menganalisis data.

Masalah-masalah pernikahan yang terjadi di dalam novel adalah hubungan suami dan istri, persaingan seks, pembagian pekerjaan berdasarkan jenis kelamin, dan kondisi ekonomi. Pertama, permasalahan hubungan suami istri dapat dilihat dari ketidakadaan cinta Basil. Permasalahan ini mendapatkan akibat, yaitu, kepura-puraan Basil untuk mencintai Jenny, keputusan Basil, perasaan tertekan Basil, ketidak harmonisan Basil dengan istrinya, perselingkuhan Basil. Permasalahan hubungan suami istri juga dapat ditunjukkan oleh perselingkuhan Basil. Akibat-akibat dari permasalahan tersebut adalah kecurigaan Jenny, Perasaan cemburu Jenny, perasaan tertekan Jenny, kematian Jenny. Yang kedua, permasalahan persaingan seks ditegaskan dengan ketidak mampuan seks Paul. Akibat-akibat dari permasalahan tersebut adalah kesendirian Nyonya Castilyon, dan perselingkuhan nyonya Castilyon. Yang ketiga, pembagian pekerjaan berdasarkan jenis kelaminnya dapat dilihat ketika seorang istri, namanya Jenny harus meninggalkan pekerjaannya ketika menikah. Akibat dari permasalahan tersebut adalah kesulitan ekonomi di dalam pernikahan Basil-Jenny. Yang keempat, masalah kondisi ekonomi terlihat jelas dengan rendahnya pemasukan dari Basil. Akibat dari permasalahan tersebut adalah seringnya terjadi pertengkaran diantara pasangan tersebut.

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