

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of The Problem

It is understandable that many people want to get some pleasure in a different way. As we all know that there are many good ways to get it. Some of them get the pleasure by listening to the music, writing a poem, doing some hobbies of sport or reading literary works. Generally literary works contain much information, especially about moral, science, ethic, entertainment and so on. Furthermore, it has a close relation to life, because sometimes it is a reflection of life for its basic in the life itself. However, there are some literary works based on the writer's experiences and imagination. Hudson (1965:10) says in *An Introduction to the Study of Literature*:

Literature is a vital record what men seen in life, what they have experience of it, what they thought and felt about those aspects of it which have the most immediate and enduring interest for all of us. It is thus fundamentally an expression of life through the medium of language.

Basically, literary works are divided into three major forms, namely poetry, novel and play. By reading one of them, people keep in mind any experiences about life such as sadness, happiness, love, hatred or trouble. They can choose which literary works they like to read. Carne (1972:559) in *The Encyclopedia Americana* also stated that "Literature is one of the great creative and universal means of fact, literature gives us some information of various experiences, which are likely to be the basic view of leading on the course of

human life. It describes social condition and individual experiences. One of literary works, which are likely by many people, is novel. It is because novel is understandable.

It is necessary studying literature, especially novel, because of its presence in everyday life. By reading the novel one can know its cultural background and the author's vision in expressing life. Milligan (1984:8) in *The English Novel* says that "Reading novel presents special problem to other reader because the novel has traditionally attempted to offer an experience of life, or reality through narrative, commentary, and the interaction of characters, particularly through dialogue." Reading novel offers the experience of life or reality. Although, people do not act themselves in the story but they can learn something through the characters in the story. Novels offer the reality in life, the experience which may occur to everyone.

Literature becomes interesting to be discussed because it serves the reader the story of everyday life. It describes variety of human experiences, but states them implicitly. For example, literature does not define the word "kind" but shows us the characters that act kindly in the story. It can be said that literature gives the reader a concrete example of human values, shows the reader emotion, action, and ideas in the form of story. Through these characters in the story, literature describes how people in action making decisions, struggling to maintain their humanity, and embodying a variety of values.

The write therefore is interested to analyze the novel of Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. She tries to give her

analysis about the split personality of Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. As we know that human life has many kinds of personalities. Since they can induce human sense to do something good or bad. Sometimes personalities make people around them confused to face their mystery, since, a person may have more than one personalities.

The writer is interested in analyzing Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* because Dr. Jekyll also has double personalities. Accordingly, the title of this research is *The Analysis of Dr. Jekyll's Split Personality in Robert Louis Stevenson's The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.*

1.2 The Statement of The Problem

The statements of the problems are as follows:

1. What is Dr. Jekyll's split personality?
2. What factors influence Dr. Jekyll's split personality?
3. What are the effects of Dr. Jekyll's split personality on his social life?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study are to find the answer of the proposed problems. They are as follows:

1. To elaborate Dr. Jekyll's split personality.
2. To analyze the factors influencing Dr. Jekyll's split personality.
3. To analyze the effects of Dr. Jekyll's split personality on his social life.

1.4 The Scope of the Study

The writer focusses on the main character, namely Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. Actually, there are many aspects that can be analyzed from this main character. However, she does not analyze all aspects of his. She limits the study on one aspect only, that is, the split personality.

1.5 Significance of the Study

The research is significant reference for other researchers doing further research on the split personality in Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. For the readers, this research is also to give deeper insight into human mind and it concerns about the split personality.