CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of Study

There are many islands and tribes in Indonesia with different customs, cultures, and languages. Every tribes has its own uniqueness and it is preserved until now. In North Sumatra, for example, there are many tribes. One of them is Batak Toba who has many kinds of ceremony, such as birth, death, etc.

The topic of this paper has been consciously and carefully chosen for some reasons: Firstly, the writer wants to introduce the writer’s custom to other tribes. Secondly, the writer is very interested in the marriage tradition of Batak people which is done from many years ago, and it is still happens until now, although it has been changed from the original. Lastly, the writer hopes that she can enrich her culture knowledge about Indonesian culture, especially her culture by writing this topic, and this paper can be useful for the reader.

1.2 The Objective of Study

Actually, the writer wants to deepen her knowledge about Traditional Marriage in Batak Toba Society, as her appreciation and love of National cultures.

Generally the purpose of writing this paper is to give information about the Batakness tradition especially the Marriage system in Batakness Tradition to the young generations.

On the other hand, the writer would like to inform some changes in Batakness culture, especially in the Metropolitan city to the young generations.
The writer also hopes this paper will be some of useful for these who read it in order to understand about Marriage of Batakness Tradition, especially to the young and next generations of Batak Toba Society who lived in Metropolitan city.

Finally, she obviously wants to be graduates from DIII study program of English Department and this paper is one of the requirements.

1.3 The Scope of Study

Basically, there are many aspects in Batak Toba Society, which are interesting to be studied, but it is certainly impossible to study all of them in this paper.

In order to make this writing effectively arranged, the writer provides the scope of writing. The purpose of this scope is to show the systematic arrangement of writing in order to gain to target of writing. Firstly, the writer limits her topic on the discussion of traditional Marriage of Batak people in the city, thus, she comes write chapter per chapter which has a close relation to each other.

In chapter one, the writer begins with the introduction that covers the background of study, the objective of study, the scope of study and method of study. Chapter two, describes about the history, the system of Batak Toba Society and the religion of Tapanuli Utara. In chapter three the writer gives the steps of Traditional Marriage of Batakness which is done until now. In chapter four the writer the describes the Traditional Marriage of Batak Toba which is done in the city. In the last chapter, the writer comes to the conclusions and suggestions.
1.4 The Method of Study

In completing this paper, the writer has applied two methods, known as library research and field research. In the library research, the writer collected and read some books that are relevant to the topic and support the content of the paper. By having those books, the writer was able to find and select some necessary data concerning with the main topic, that is “A Brief Description of Traditional Marriage of Batak Toba In City”. In this case, writer collects and reads some books about batakness culture to write this paper.

Where as field research means the writer gets the data through direct consultation with some people who know the culture of Batak Toba especially about Traditional Marriage well.