CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1. Background of analysis

Literature is considered as written experience and imagination of what human have in mind, which has the value of an artwork that exposes about ideas and things in a real life. Generally, literature can be divided into two categories. There are fiction work and nonfiction work. In this case, novel that being analyzed in this thesis is belong to the fiction work, as well as short story, drama, and tales. On the other hand, autobiography, diary, essay, and history are belong to the nonfiction work.

In this thesis, a novel written by Mitch Albom entitled Tuesdays with Morrie, is used as the main source of material as the subject matter of the discussion that is going to be analyzed. Novel as one of the literary works certainly contains many aspects that depicted based on the human real life. This aspects commonly concern with emotion, feeling, problems, conflicts, etc. According to Reeve (1785:26) states that:

“A novel is a picture of real manner and of the time in which it was written”

Based on the quotation above, it shows that novel is deals with the real life of society. Novel is like a mirror that reflected the condition and situation of the human in real life then illustrated by the author of the novel in a written form. On the other word, the novel is the combination of the real life experience and the imagination of
the author. Most of the aspects in the real life of human are presented in the novel that the author conveyed through the novel. Therefore, it means that it can be drawn so many lessons that the author provide for the reader through the novel. One of the lessons that can be acquired from the novel is its moral lesson. According to Dewey (1953: 1) says that:

“The word ‘moral’ comes from Latin, which means manners, custom or habit. This habit is concerned with right or wrong, good or evil, a good lesson in behavior, the right way of leading one’s life”

Based on the quotation above, it shows that the general concept of moral is concern with right or wrong. Every action, attitude, responsibility, good conduct, and ethics of human will reflect the moral value. The moral value in society is measured by the standardization of behavior which is considered acceptable and right by most people. In the society life, all the behavior that has the result of unpleasant, immoral, harmful, dishonest, or all the untrue that will produces something not correct or people dislike, that are the manner which contradictive to the good moral lesson. The good moral lesson will produced when people behave well in a particular way.

In Mitch Albom’s Tuesdays with Morrie, will be found many aspects of moral lesson that sometimes happen in real life of society, the moral value in this novel deals with the human problems in life, the main character in this novel tries to build up the good moral value in life of other people, that the moral nowadays only few people who have the right principal for their life. People become egoist, don’t care to the others, and materialistic life becomes the view of life for most people for reaching the happiness. The main character in this novel tries to teach us for reaching
the happiness and for the better life we should hold the right principal as our view of life that morally good based on the standardization of behavior in society. The action, attitude, responsibility, and good conduct that presents in the main character can be good lessons for the reader that we can learn how to appreciate our life more than before and to appreciate the other by holding the right principle of life.

Finally, the research of this thesis is focus on the moral lessons that reflected by the main characters found in the novel entitled Tuesdays with Morrie which written by Mitch Albom. The main character of this novel is Morrie Schwartz. This includes the analyzing of the moral lesson that can be drawn from Morrie and then to identify the good moral lesson that conveyed by the author. This is the background as well as the reason why this thesis focus on the analyzing the moral lesson of the main characters in the thesis.

2. **Problem of Analysis**

Referring to the explanation of the background of the analysis above, there are some problems will be analyzed in this thesis:

1. How Morrie’s firmness to find out that his life is going to an end?

2. How Morrie’s sincerity in doing his obligation also helping each other although his condition getting worst?

3. How Morrie’s wisdoms toward himself and his student to earn the better living and to appreciate the others?

4. How Morrie’s charity as the teacher to share all his experiences of life and lessons to all the people by the media?
3. Purpose of the analysis

The main character of the novel entitled *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom is Morrie Schwartz, the purpose of this analysis is to identify the moral lesson found from Morrie Schwartz. To reveal the moral lesson found from the main characters that appearing moral value.

1. To analyze Morrie’s firmness to find out that his life is going to an end.

2. To analyze Morrie’s sincerity in doing his obligation also helping each other although his condition getting worst.

3. To analyze Morrie’s wisdoms toward himself and his student to earn the better living and to appreciate the others.

4. To analyze Morrie’s charity as the teacher in sharing all his experiences of life and lessons to all the people by the media

4. Scope of Analysis

The analysis of this thesis is limited to the topic of the subject matter according to the discussion of this thesis, therefore the scope of the analysis is only include about the moral lessons found from Morrie as the main character in Mitch Albom’s novel *Tuesdays with Morrie*, the moral lessons that can be found from the novel are limited to Morrie’s firmness, patience, wisdom, and charity. This thesis narrowed the analyzing in order to focus the problem of the analysis of this thesis to some certain problems, so that the analysis is not going too far and diverge from the topic of the discussion.
5. **Method of Analysis**

Basically, in composing a thesis, there are two methods are commonly used, an intrinsic approach and extrinsic approach. Intrinsic approach is the study of the novel within the range of intrinsic elements of the novel itself. In this case, the thesis focuses its analysis on the moral lessons found from the main characters, and the moral lessons from the novel is not belong to the intrinsic elements of the novel itself, so this thesis use an extrinsic approach in order to analyze the moral lesson of this novel, then this thesis use a sociology approach in order to analyze the moral value trough the characters of the novel. The moral value is based on the condition of the society; moral cannot release releases from influential of religion and aspects from society itself.

In composing this thesis and to analyze the moral values found from the main characters in this novel. First of all, the novel written by Mitch Albom entitled *Tuesdays with Morrie* is read, while identifying and marking the moral values of the main characters that found as the data from the novel that used as the data source to analyze, then when the data is collected, the data will be selected to the most significant data that will be used in this thesis in order to ease the data analyzing procedure.

A library research is applied in collecting some data to support the analysis, finding the related data to the research then narrowing the collecting data of the library research to the related element which are about moral values.
6. **Review of Related Literature**

In supporting my analysis, I use some related books which are listed below:

1. **Literature: An Introduction to Reading and Writing** by Edgar Robert and Henry E. Jacob.

   This book is about the detail explanation of kinds and genres of literature and also discuss about the element of literature.

2. **Teori Pengkajian Fiksi** by Burhan Nurgiantoro.

   This book contain about the basic introduction of a fiction and the elements of the fiction.

3. **Understanding the Elements of Literature** by Richard Taylor.

   This book is about the definition of the elements of literature and its discussion which is very useful in supporting my thesis.

4. **Ethics** by John Dewey

   This book describes about moral values and its influences in society.

5. **Ethics and Modern World** by Frederick Mayer and Floyd H. Ross

   Mayer and Ross present the meaning of ethics and moral, this book also distinguishes the moral with ethics.

6. **Tuesdays with Morrie** by Mitch Albom

   A novel written by Mitch Albom that used as the main source of data that being discuss in this thesis.