CHAPTER I

Introduction

1.1 Background of The Study

A group of words that contains a subject and a predicate is commonly termed a clause. A clause may be either a sentence, an independent clause or a sentence-like construction within another sentence, a dependent clause. If a clause can stand alone as a sentence it is an independent clause. Some clauses, however, cannot stand alone as sentences: in this case, they are dependent clauses or subordinate clauses. Clauses can take the place of different parts of speech. Similarly, a noun clause can take the place of a noun. A clause is like a sentence that's within a sentence. A noun clause has the function of a noun in the main sentence. So in a genera notion a noun clause, also termed a nominal clause, is a dependent clause functioning as a noun, that is as a subject, object or complement.

Noun clause has various aspects such as forms and functions. Noun clause may be formed with an interrogative word, with ‘that’, with ‘that’ deletion and with ‘whether’ or ‘if’. Noun clause may be of various functions, such as subject of a verb, object of a transitive verb, object of preposition, object of a missing preposition, in apposition to a noun or pronoun, subject complement, object complement and adjective complement. Many people are fairly comfortable with the idea of nouns, but they might not feel so confident when it comes to the idea of a noun clause. Noun clauses come in a variety of forms; therefore, breaking down the study into its basic components is essential to the proper learning of the form. Using noun clauses in everyday speech is a fairly common practice, as noun clauses add often crucial information to sentences. However, learning to differentiate between the various types can be difficult. If a person is in a position where he or she has to decide which form the noun clause is taking, the person should consider the options carefully, and consult a grammar guide.

The analysis done in this scientific writing is concerned with the functions of the noun clauses used in the novel Special Delivery written by Daniel Steel. Danielle
Fernande Dominique Schuelein-Steel was born on August 14, 1947 in New York. She is an American romantic novelist and author of mainstream dramas. She was educated in both the US and Europe, and has worked in teaching, advertising and public relations. She wrote her first book when she was only 19, and has gone on to write an astounding amount of material since. She can work on up to five books at a time, whether it be researching, editing or the writing itself. Legend has it she still uses a manual typewriter, dating from 1946, for her work, and can often spend up to 20 hours a day writing. Her writing can be very personal at times, and often involves issues and themes that occur to normal people in everyday life such as cancer, marriage, divorce, adoption and mental illness. She has raised nine children of her own, and lives in San Francisco and Paris. Danielle Steel has been hailed as one of the world's most popular authors, with over 580 million copies of her novels sold. Her many international bestsellers include Matters of the Heart, One Day at a Time, A Good Woman, Rogue, Honor Thyself, Amazing Grace, and other highly acclaimed novels. She is also the author of His Bright Light, the story of her son Nick Traina's life and death.

In a novel that explores the fun and challenge, and occasional absurdity, of new beginnings, Danielle Steel tells the story of two people who find love where and when they least expect it.

At fifty-nine, Jack Watson owns one of the most successful boutiques in Beverly Hills, has two adult children who are the light of his life, and his choice of Hollywood's most beautiful women. After a failed marriage in the distant past, and brief, tragic affair years afterward, Jack has become the perfect bachelor. And he loves it.

Amanda Robbins knows Jack Watson only as her daughter's father-in-law, an incurable playboy whom she dislikes intensely. Theirs has been a relationship based solely upon the marriage of her daughter to his son. And Amanda wants no other relationship with him. But when she becomes a widow unexpectedly, twenty-six years after she retires from Hollywood stardom to become a wife and mother, Amanda finds herself on unfamiliar ground, and is surprised to find herself both befriended by, and
attracted to, Jack Watson. Worse yet, she likes him. There is a lot more to him than she previously suspectes.

Amanda's shock at her attraction to Jack is equaled only by her children's. Then suddenly, a startling announcement stuns both families, as Jack and Amanda are faced with an unexpected gift that neither thought possible, and with a choice that provides them both considerable challenges. But at a time in their lives when they least expect to feel that way, they not only feel young again, but are blissfully happy, in spite of the confusion, opposition, and obstacles all around them.

*Special Delivery* is about what two people do when life gives them everything they wante, twenty years after they expect to find it. In her fortieth bestselling novel, Danielle Steel makes the readers laugh and cry as she touches the heart with tenderness and accuracy. The emotions of loneliness are deeply explored in Danielle Steele's novel *Special Delivery*. And they are done quite well. But who would figure that a party would kindle a romance between the newly widowed Amanda and a long time bachelor, Jack? And oh what different personalities between Amanda and Jack. The main thing they have in common is the family connection from each of their former spouses to their children and children in law.

*Special Delivery* is regarded as a good novel of the twentieth century and has come to a best seller. Some philosophical lessons are exposed in the novel, a motivation for everyone to do better in life. This is perhaps the biggest motivation behind us picking up a good book. Novels fill time that might otherwise be filled with boredom, and they offer a temporary escape from workaday worlds. And incidentally, entertainment and escape do not just explain a novel's purpose is, but also why one goes to the theater, rides a roller coaster, listens to music, or does just about any of those things done to take someone away from his or her everyday lives and concerns. From the day a person is born to the day of death, people are all on a quest to improve themselves. People might not always know it, but everyone is struggling to understand this world called home and what it takes to get by in it. Much of people’s understanding, of course, comes from their first-hand experiences. But it also comes from hearing about the experiences of others.
and what is a novel if not one of the best ways there is to tap into what fellow humans think and feel about this world and place in it. All good novels have something to say about one aspect or another of the human condition, about how to find true love, about the horrors of war, about a million things. Sometimes when people read these thoughts and insights, they will have arrived at similar conclusions themselves, and they will take comfort from knowing that they are not alone. More often, an author like Danell Steel will shed fresh, unexpected light on an issue, and the readers’ understanding of that issue is deepened or even changed, making everyone grow as a person. Still, broadly, genre novels are seen as providing plenty of entertainment but not much understanding of the human condition. With literary novels, one gets plenty of understanding but very little in the way of entertainment. But it seems that, if one is serious about writing novels of quality, one needs to provide both these things. The purpose of every novel, including *Special Delivery*, is to entertain and provide understanding, and one needs to do both of these things, whatever type of book one plans to write. Sure, genre fiction must always put entertainment first in the form of a great plot, and readers of literary fiction will expect deep characterization and a profound exploration of theme. But that does not mean that one can concentrate on only the one thing and neglect the other...! In short there are only two types of novels that matter; the first is good novels and the second bad.

Fiction is not a dream. Nor is it guesswork. It is imagining based on facts, and the facts must be accurate or the work of imagining will not stand up. While there are many things to consider when writing a novel, space limitations prohibit discussing all of them. Theme of *Special Delivery* is simply the moral of the story. It is the message the author wishes to convey or the lesson the reader wants to learn. In general theme is revealed through the values of characters when confronting obstacles and resolving conflict in pursuit of their goal. It can be considered the foundation and purpose of the novel. Without purpose, the story becomes trivial. Perhaps the single most important aspect of a good novel is characterization. The reader must care about characters in order to care about what happens to them. To achieve this, characters must be three-dimensional. Like real people, characters have hopes and fears, strengths and weaknesses, and one or more
objectives. And all the characters in *Special Delivery* have exposed themselves as expected. Dialogue is a conversation between two or more characters. The functions of dialogue are to give background information, convey characterization, advance the story, and convey the place and time. To be effective, each character needs their own distinct voice with particular speech patterns, word usage, and accent, if any. Avoid formal or stilted dialogue. The dialogues found in the novel are impressive and this is one of the keys to the success of *Special Delivery* by Daniel Steel.

### 1.2 Problems of the Study

Various points of studies can be taken from the novel *Special Delivery*. Some tend to linguistics field and some others in literature. What the writer is doing in this analysis is concerned with grammar, a part of linguistics. And related to the subject matter of the analysis, that is the functions of noun clauses used in the novel mentioned above, there are two questions formulated here:

1. What kinds of noun clause found in this novel?
2. What are the functions of noun clauses used in the novel?

### 1.3 Objective of the Study

The objective of the study is to give a description of noun clause in English and to provide learners of English with an easier understanding and clear picture concerning noun clauses used in the novel. Another objective is to improve knowledge of English syntax especially noun clauses with have already been obtained from the classes during the time of study; in short to find that:

1. Kinds of noun clauses
2. There are a number of functions of noun clauses in the novel.
1.4 Scope of the Study

This study is focused on the description of noun clauses used in Danielle Steel’s novel *Special Delivery*. The noun clauses analysed are concerned with their functions as the subject of a verb, the object of a transitive verb, the object of a preposition, the object of a missing preposition, in an apposition to a noun or pronoun, the subject complement, the object complement and the adjective complement.

1.5 Significance of the Study

A lot of students, especially the Indonesian students find some difficulties in identifying and understanding as well as applying noun clauses, therefore this analysis becomes something appropriate and useful to ease this matter. Then noun clause is an important aspect in English syntax as it always appears in most sentences both in oral and written forms. The understanding and mastery of noun clause also enables one to improve the writing skill. Essay is one form of writing which is familiar to everyone. Essay writing is a skill that requires work and dedication. One factor to consider is syntax, which is the way words or phrases function in a sentence. By incorporating various clauses and sentence types, one can create a well-structured essay that is accessible and readable. In this matter noun clause plays an important role. By applying noun clause sentences of essay will look more beautiful and effective to be understood.