1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Study

Literature is one of the art written works. Literature is a kind of writing which expresses and communicates thoughts, feeling and attitudes towards life. Yet many of the things which we know called literature which started life without being written things at all. Literature is supposed to be an imaginative creation which is far from factual truth. It has been widely known of its three large genres, such as novel, poetry and drama. Each of them has much in common though they are rather different in form. Novel is a narrative kind of fictitious writing and poetry is written down is aimed at presenting on the stage.

Taylor (1981:1) says, “Literature like other arts, is essentially an imaginative act, that is, an act of the writer’s imagination in selecting, ordering, and interpreting life experience.” Based on the statements mean that literature is a kind of art that usually tells, dramatizes, analyzes, expresses the emotions, and advocates the ideas where the imagination of the author ordering the experience of life into written or oral composition by offers the pleasure.

Novel reflects the transformation of the relationship between literature and art. Novel is an invented prose narrative of considerable a length and acertain complexity that deal imaginatively with human experience, usually through a connected sequence of events involving group of persons in a specific setting.

Peck and Coyle (1998:102) say, “Most novel are concerned with ordinary people and their problems in the societis in which they find themselves.” Some of novels are fiction (unreal) and some of them are nonfiction (real) based on true
story. Today, novel has attracted interest and attention for many people, especially in teenagers, and other young generation. Novel entertains to read very much.

Novel consists of some elements to build the story, those are plot, character and characterization, setting, theme, and conflicts. Conflicts can make the story of the novel is more interesting. Besides, we can gain the moral lessons and life experiences through conflicts.

Tennyson (1967: 13-14) says that plot is used figuratively in literature to designate a plan or scheme of events in a story. Plot, thus, is the order of events that ties and unties the knot of conflict. Tennyson further adds: “In discussing plot, we customarily speak of a hero or protagonist in conflict with some opponent or antagonist. Both words derive from Greek “agon” meaning contest or conflict; it is a conflict that lies at the centre of the plot, and the heart of character motivation and speech.” From the explanation above, it can be understood that conflict is closely connected to person or persons. Only do men have conflicts to understand what should be resolved next. Person or persons are manifested as character in literature.

Horton and Chester (1976) state that conflict is a fundamental dynamic of human experience and interaction. It is the necessary struggle to balance concern for self with connections to others. Because pain, suffering and stress are deeply associated with our perception of conflict. As we know, the conflict happens from an event of a character. Thus, the character who has conflict is caused any unsatisfied of what to be hoped. In other words, there is a wish which is not
fulfilled. For example, if protagonist is a poor girl, one conflict that might arise would be with nature, the poor itself.

Leading character is the centered individual very dominant. As an individual, the leading focused personality. Leading character emerged as long side the extraordinary character, a character that might be called prototypical. The prototypical character is not a stereotypical but a fully rounded, three dimensional characters.

There are many conflicts faced by the character in the novel *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom. Chick Benetto, which leads him to end his life. He faces many conflicts since he is very young. Since he gets many problems in his life, he can not hold his problems anymore. He feels depressed and wants to end his life. Chick Benetto can not face his problems patiently and wisely. He wants an easy way to end all of his problems. In the novel *For One More Day*, Mitch Albom gives many conflicts that people usually face.

In this paper, the writer would like to analyze the leading character’s conflict that can be traced in the novel written by Mitch Albom entitle *For One More Day*. That is included Chick’s internal and external conflicts. Since the conflicts represented in the story are quite fundamental and might happen in everyone’s personal life. The conflicts in the novel also show the examples of parental love and relationship in the family. This is the background as well as the reason why the writer focuses on the analyzing the conflicts of leading character in this paper.
1.2 The Problem of the Study

In completing this paper, the writer analyzes conflict from the novel *For One More Day*. The writer focuses on her analysis in internal and external conflict in reference to this. The problem which the writer likes to analyze is the leading character’s conflict written in the novel?

1.3 The Scope of the Study

The writer is sure that there are many important aspects of the novel can be discussed. The writer only limits the topic. In writing the paper, the writer only focuses about one of the intrinsic element of the novel that is conflict. Conflict is a struggle between two or more forces that creates a tension that must be resolved. In the novel *For One More Day* the writer would like to split the conflict into two part. They are internal and external conflict. Firstly, internal conflict is a character dealing her own mixed feelings or emotions. Secondly, the conflict is used by the external conflict as characters who may face several types of outside forces including environment and another characters. All these kinds are her scope in analyzing the conflict through the novel *For One More Day*.

1.4 The Objective of the Study

The objective of the study are :

1) Through this paper, the writer wants to explore and find out some conflicts in the novel *For One More Day : Mitch Albom* specifically to Chick Benetto who is trying to suicide and guilt haunted on his mother and his past life.

2) And the last, the writer has to fulfill the requirement in Diploma III English Study Program Faculty of Culture Studies, University of Sumatera Utara.
1.5 The Significance of the Study

The analysis of this paper is expected to be able to give significance for the readers.

1) This paper will give information to the readers about literature and understand about this novel.

2) This paper hope will enrich the knowledge of the readers about conflict and types of conflict in this novel.

1.6 The Method of the Study

In writing this paper the writer uses some research methods, such as library research. The writer reads the novel several times to make her understand about the story. After having understood about it, the writer focuses to analyze and identify the conflict in the novel. The writer finds in data from library research to search the information and data about the literature especially the theory of the analyzing conflict as her references. Secondly, The writer browsed data from internet to find the biography of the author, then the writer makes conclusions about it.