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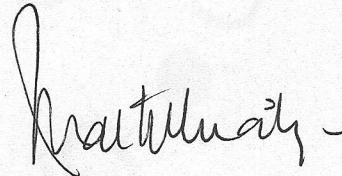
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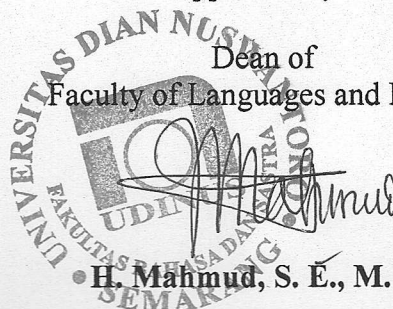
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ABSTRACT

This thesis is entitled "Napoleon's Ambition Described in Selinko's *Désirée*". It has three objectives. The first one is to describe the general description about Napoleon as the main character described in Selinko's *Désirée*; the second one is to describe the internal and external conflict experienced by Napoleon and the third one is to describe Napoleon's ambition.

In discussing the topic, the approach methods are structural and psychological method. This structural approach was applied to analyze the character of Napoleon Bonaparte and how the conflicts influence the development of Napoleon's character. Psychological approach was applied to analyze Napoleon's ambition.

The conclusion indicates that Napoleon is the protagonist or the main character, who dominates, supports and influences other characters. Napoleon's character belongs to a round and a developing character. He has a round character because he has more than one side of characters and he is a developing character because he has changes in his character. He faces two kinds of conflict; internal and external conflicts. Internal conflict is conflicts between Napoleon and himself. In one moment in his life he feels he is treated disgracefully and is ignored by the government whom he expects will fulfill his ambition to be the supreme command in Italy. However it is not easy due to his character: he is too confident and has a high self-esteem. Actually, the internal conflict experienced by Napoleon result from his ambition that influence him personally. Examples of external conflicts he experiences are conflicts between him and Bernadine Eugénie Désirée Clary, and between him and Josephine de Beauharnais, both of which are about love and unfaithfulness. The third external conflict is Napoleon Bonaparte against Jean-Baptiste Bernadotte that is about the political ambition.

The result of psychological analysis shows that Napoleon's ambition is the accumulation of Napoleon's characteristics as person with great motivation and a strong desire to obtain success, power, and wealth.