

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

Literary work is a work that is written from an author's imagination. It is also an expression of the images and events of daily activity directly or indirectly. Literary works have function to entertain or teach something to the readers. The function of this literature can be found in any kind of literary works. Authors appreciate the problem and then pour it into a work of literary fiction. There are many works of literature such as novels, poetry, prose, movie and many more.

Mario Klarer (2004:1) state:

“Literature is an expression of society, if it assumes that literature, at any given time, mirrors the current social situation ‘correctly’ it is false: it is commonplace, trite and vague if it means only that literature depicts some aspect of social reality.”

The quotation shows that in literature, like novel is used commonly as the picture of the real life condition that describes problems that happen in society through characters inside novel. Character that supported with any personalities and various self-concepts in many things would attract many attentions of readers rather than other elements of novel. Henry van Dyke (2011:62) states that literary work is the result of author activities that correlate with the symptoms of psychological condition like obsession, contemplation, sublimation and others symptoms that included in psychological problem or disease. The author represents those symptoms through the characters in their literary works. One of psychological problems that appear in literature is about schizophrenia disorder

disease. Schizophrenia is a psychosis, a type of mental illness characterized by distortions in thinking, perception, emotions, language, sense of self and behaviour. (World Health Organization : 2018). According to the statement above, The condition happen a sufferer is a type that affects the way a person behaves, thinks, and looks around. The most prominent thing from a sufferer which a person is unable to distinguish between what is real and what is only imaginary. the sufferer from schizophrenia disorder can be very strange and unpredictable and suddenly become moody and sad until they are depressed because of something at one time. A sufferer with schizophrenia often experience problems in performing their functions in society, work environment, school, and social relations with others. Schizophrenia can make the sufferer experience fear and withdrawal.

Schizophrenia disorder is divided into disorganized, catatonic, paranoid and undifferentiated which is determining by the symptoms. The symptoms of schizophrenia are commonly divided into three categories they are positive symptom, negative symptom and cognitive deficits. The symptoms of schizophrenia disorder are difficult to identify because those symptoms also appear in normal people such as less energy, feel sad, and flat affect. This condition makes schizophrenia disorder sufferer do not aware about their condition. One of the examples can be seen from the famous literary work from Virginia Woolf, *Mrs Dalloway*. The story is telling about Septimus Warren Smith, a First World War veteran England. About his experience as a first world war veteran who has trauma and suffers from schizophrenia disorder . Septimus is visited by frequent and indecipherable hallucinations, delusions, withdrawal and disorganized

behavior, mostly concerning his dear friend Evans who died in the war. And how he could survive in life before he was diagnosed as schizophrenia disorder sufferer until he was diagnosed as schizophrenia.

The writer chooses this novel as the object of research because the story shows the phenomenon of schizophrenia that is quite interesting to discuss. The writer is interested to analyze how the symptoms and types of schizophrenia inside of the story. The reason why the writer decides to analyze the symptoms and types of schizophrenia disorder are because the writer wants to know about the symptoms that described in septimus character, and why those symptoms can be included as schizophrenia disorder. The writer believes that in analyzing symptoms and types of schizophrenia disorder the writer gain more understanding on how the symptoms and also types of schizophrenia appear in septimus character in *Mrs Dalloway*. Moreover in 1941 Virginia Woolf had gained a prominent position in the world of British literature, as a great novelist, essayist, critic and modernist. Furthermore, because of this novel, virginia becomes one of best writer for mental illness book in 2006 (Minority Mental Health Awareness Summit 2006) and also this novel has led virginia to the pulizer prize award in 1999.

1.2 Research Question

Based on the background of the research, the writer formulates the research question as follow:

1. What are symptoms of schizophrenia as seen in the character of *mrs dalloway* novel by virginia woolf ?
2. What is the type of schizophrenia as seen in the character of *mrs dalloway* novel by virginia woolf ?

1.3 Research Objective

Concerning to the statement of the problem above, the objective of this research are:

1. To elucidate what are symptoms of schizophrenia as seen in the character of *Mrs. Dalloway* novel by Virginia Woolf.
2. To reveal the types of schizophrenia disorder that described in the character of *Mrs. Dalloway* novel by Virginia Woolf.

1.4 Uses of Research

In analyzing this issue, the uses of the study are divided into two. Those are:

1.4.1 Theoretical uses

The writer expects that this research will be useful for other researcher and give more knowledge to the readers and students who want to do more research that related to the same topic.

1.4.2 Practical Uses

Practically, this research will assist to the readers to get more understanding and knowledge. And this research can assist other researcher who wants to conduct analysis in the same topic and also becomes one of the references for the one who is interested to find out and analyze about schizophrenia disorder.

1.5 Scope of the Study

In this research the writer limite the idea on describing schizophrenia in septimus warren smith character. The writer also wants to relevans the symptoms and the type of schizophrenia that suffered by Septimus Warren Smith as the main character in *Mrs. Dalloway* written by Virginia Woolf which published in 1925.