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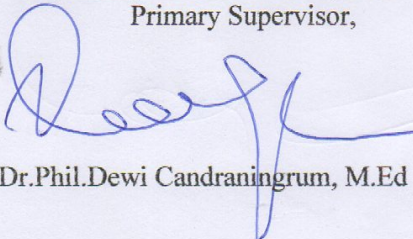
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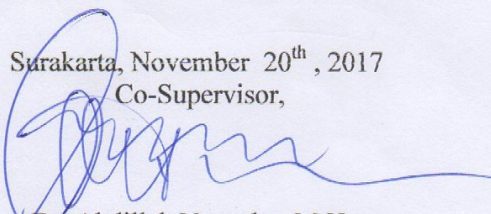
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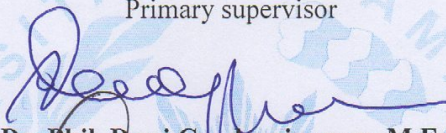
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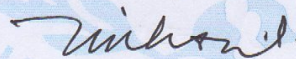
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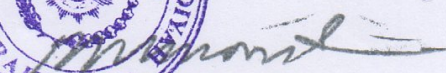
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## **ABSTRACT**

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This research paper analyzes Edward Albee’s *The Zoo Story* especially in its one of major character, Jerry because this literary work shows personality disorder of this character. It has four problems and those arranged as follows: (1) What are the characteristics of Borderline Personality Disorder as shown in the character of Jerry?, (2) What typical thoughts or beliefs that make Jerry categorized as a borderline person?, (3) What conditions that make Jerry has Borderline Personality Disorder?, (4) What are the effects of Borderline Personality Disorder as shown in the character of Jerry?. The aim of this research is finding the answers of those four questions and they are: (1) To identify the characteristics of Borderline Personality Disorder as shown in the character of Jerry, (2) To find out the typical thoughts or beliefs that make Jerry categorized as a Borderline person, (3) To elaborate the causes of Borderline Personality Disorder, (4) To explain the effects of Borderline Personality Disorder as shown in the character of Jerry. In analyzing this study, the researcher uses qualitative method with the text of the conversation in *The Zoo Story* playscript as the object. There are two sources of data. The first is primary data source which consists of *The Zoo Story* playscript written by Edward Albee in 1958 and the second are other datas that have relation with the research includes books, homepages, and journals of personality disorder and behaviorism. After doing the research by using library research and document analysis, she finds the result that the characteristics of Jerry as borderline person can be seen by his instability of relationships, emotions, and self-image. He also has fears of abandonment, and then aggressive, too. He is proneness to self-harm and the last is strong emotions. His typical thoughts or beliefs also same with borderline person that he hates and loves at the same person, and he does not want to be left alone. If someone whom he hates and loves, leaves him, he will kill himself, and it really occurs. He becomes borderline person because he has an early loss of love from his parents and family. And the effect of his personality disorder is self mutilation or self destructive, and he does suicide when he wants the other character, Peter to share his bench. He losses his life just because of the bench in the park.

**Keywords: behaviorism, borderline, personality, personality disorder**

## ABSTRAK

APRILIA NUR CAHYA UTAMI, S200090007. 2017. **“JERRY’S PERSONALITY DISORDER IN EDWARD ALBEE’S THE ZOO STORY ” Thesis.** Magister Pengkajian Bahasa. Universitas Nuhammadiyah Surakarta.

Penelitian ini menganalisa karya dari Edward Albee yang berjudul *The Zoo Story* terutama membahas pada salah satu tokoh utamanya, Jerry karena karya sastra ini menunjukkan gangguan kepribadian pada tokohnya. Pertanyaan dari bahasan ini tersusun sebagai berikut: (1) Apa saja karakteristik gangguan kepribadian ambang yang ditunjukkan oleh karakter Jerry? (2) Apa pola pemikiran atau kepercayaan yang membuat Jerry dikategorikan sebagai pengidap gangguan kepribadian ambang? (3) Kondisi apa yang membuat Jerry mempunyai gangguan kepribadian ambang? (4) Apa efek atau pengaruh dari gangguan kepribadian ambang yang ditunjukkan oleh karakter Jerry?. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah mencari jawaban dari empat pertanyaan tersebut yakni: (1) Untuk mengidentifikasi karakter kepribadian ambang seperti yang ditunjukkan karakter Jerry, (2) Untuk mencari pola pemikiran atau kepercayaan yang membuat Jerry dikategorikan sebagai pengidap gangguan kepribadian ambang, (3) Untuk menjabarkan penyebab gangguan kepribadian ambang, (4) Untuk menjelaskan efek atau pengaruh dari gangguan kepribadian ambang yang ditunjukkan oleh karakter Jerry. Dalam menganalisa studi ini, si peneliti menggunakan metode kualitatif dengan teks percakapan dalam naskah drama *The Zoo Story* sebagai obyek. Ada dua sumber data. Yang pertama yaitu sumber data utama yang terdiri dari naskah drama *The Zoo Story* yang ditulis Edward Albee tahun 1958 dan yang kedua adalah data-data lain yang mempunyai hubungan dengan penelitian termasuk buku, situs, dan jurnal tentang gangguan kepribadian dan behaviorisme. Setelah melakukan penelitian dengan menggunakan studi pustaka dan analisis dokumen, peneliti menemukan hasil bahwa karakteristik Jerry sebagai pengidap gangguan kepribadian ambang dapat dilihat dari ketidakstabilannya dalam hubungan, emosi, dan gambaran diri. Dia juga mempunyai ketakutan akan pengacuhan, dan dia juga agresif. Dia cenderung membahayakan diri sendiri dan yang terakhir dia mempunyai emosi tinggi. Pemikirannya juga sama dengan pengidap gangguan kepribadian ambang yang mana dia benci dan cinta dengan orang yang sama dan dia juga tidak mau ditinggal sendirian. Jika seseorang yang dia benci sekaligus cinta meninggalkannya, dia akan membunuh dirinya sendiri, dan ini benar-benar terjadi. Dia menjadi orang dengan gangguan kepribadian ambang ini karena dia kehilangan cinta dari orang tuanya dan keluarganya. Dan efek dari gangguan kepribadian ini adalah merusak pada diri sendiri, dan dia bunuh diri karena dia ingin karakter yang lain, Peter untuk berbagi bangku yang dia duduki. Dia kehilangan hidupnya hanya karena bangku di sebuah taman.

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