

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of The Study

Living together is a common thing when a couple is on dating. A couple will up the relationship status when there is an agreement between them. Married seems like a way to make couple's relationship gets stronger. Yet, it will be a breaker also when a couple can not keep it up. They will be in trap of a divorce.

A couple decides to get married in order to build a harmonic family. It can happen if husband and wife have a good communication, less arguing, and believe in each other. They have to be calm down when facing some problems. A couple should keep their commitment and ignore their ego. Sweet or romantic things can sweeten the relation. Yet, the criteria of harmonic will be nothing if a couple divorces.

Divorce is something common nowadays. It not only happens for young couples but also the old couples. They are easily to break up without considering the effects of divorce. Divorce can happen when there is no agreement between them. They start to argue and fight a lot.

According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary "divorce is the ending of marriage by a legal process". It means that a separation of a couple through law and attorney. When a couple doesn't want to continue their marriage, they can ask for the government to be separated. To make it possible, a couple should hire an attorney.

There are many reasons why a couple chooses to divorce. First is getting in for the wrong reasons. Sometime a person is married because of status or money. It can be a problem when it is beyond of expectations. Second is lack of individual identity. If you do not have individual identity, you will be difficult to express your own interest.

Third is not having a shared vision of success. Everything will be easy if we have the same vision. Between husband and wife, there must be a good correlation and communication. Fourth is the intimacy disappears. A couple needs to love and care each other. They must have intimacy for keeping the relation up.

The last is unmet expectations. Every human being has his/her own expectations for happily future life. When they do not find a pleasure in marriage, he or she has the right to ask for the changes. But if your mate doesn't coerce you, then you are responsible for your own happiness.

Heather Tullis has always loved romance, and read voraciously as a young teen (and even before). Writing it down eventually was inevitable. The DiCarlo Brides series is the first she's published under this name, though she's published eight other romances under another name. She loves gurgling brooks, chocolate pinwheel cakes and twinkle lights. All six of the DiCarlo Brides books are slated for release by the end of 2013.

Second Chances novel by Heather Tulip tells about married woman, Karissa, who thinks that she can manage her life well, especially her marriage. She marries with a guy named Dennis. She has a son named Paul. At first her marriage is under her control but lately she can not handle it anymore. She is cheated by her husband, Dennis, with a blonde girl named Sheryl. Sheryl is pregnant at that time. Karissa never blamed Sheryl for this situation. It is totally Dennis' fault, she thinks, or maybe her fault who can't understand what actually Dennis wants in their marriage. Karissa returns to her parent home in. Their marriage is not disturbing Paul but he has to adapt the situation. There is a rule that Paul must do that he has to be in Dennis's apartment every weekend. Dennis is a betrayal but he loves his son very much. He never let his son feels empty and sad.

At the same time, Karissa's mother gets *Lupus*. It must her to follow some medical tests. It ruins Karissa life so much. Karissa must be tougher than yesterday. She has to struggle with this all condition. Slowly, Karissa can move her life on because of her brother's friend, Marshal Willmore. He

had a crush on her since they were in school. Now Karissa comes back. It is Marsh's turn to win Karissa heart. But it never be easy. Karissa still closes her heart for any guy. She has traumatic and depressed because of her failure of marriage. Marsh is never give up. He always tries to make Karissa trusted about his feeling. Then Karissa has strange feeling about Marsh that is love. Her trust is examined when Marsh get in jail because of fake accusation. She should trust him but her thought is not. Everything is happy at last.

The researcher has some reasons in choosing this novel. First, this novel is interesting. It has not very complicated story. The sentences are understandable. The novel has light story that the readers can feel the emotion too. This novel is also downloaded for 1914 times in e-book version.

Second is about character and characterization of *Second Chances* Novel. The author delineates the characters in well characterizations. The author used round characterization especially for the main character, Karissa. How Karissa acts in struggling and surviving after divorcing is well depicted. She is an independent woman, hard-worker but very sensitive and depressed. She does not know how to react her divorcing.

Third is this novel has feminist side also. The author depicts the main character, Karissa as an independent woman. The way Karissa proves that she is fine without her husband is worthy. She is too depressed but strong enough to survive. She has to face her divorce then she must make peace with her all conditions.

By the explanation above, researcher is interested to analyze the novel. Researcher wants to know how divorce can influence Karissa's behavior and how she reacts to this. So the researcher will analyze the novel entitled "*Divorce Reflected in Heather Tullis Novel Second Chances: Love in Juniper Ridge Part I (2016): A behaviorist Perspective*"

B. Research Questions

1. How is divorce analyzed from behaviorist perspective?

2. How are Karissa's behavior before and after the divorce?
3. What kinds of environment that influence the personality formation of Karissa?

C. Research Objectives

This proposed research has aims:

1. To know how divorce be analyzed from behaviorist perspective.
2. To know how Karissa's behavior before and after divorcing from her husband.
3. To know what kinds of environment that influence the personality formation of Karissa.

D. Benefits of The Study

1. Theoretically

This research is expected to give a benefit to the large body of knowledge, especially in behaviorist perspective in literary works.

2. Practically

The result of this study can be a reference for the next researcher about literature especially for English learners to learn about behaviorist perspective. It is also can be a reference for the readers to know more about the other side of the novel. Last, hopefully this proposed research can be the resource for the further research in literary work.

E. Limitation of Study

The researcher emphasizes in analyzing how divorce can affect Karissa in behavioral and mentally in Heather Tullis's Novel *Second Chances* on Behaviorist Perspective.

F. Research Paper Organizations

Research paper organization has aim to make the research is easier to be read and understood by the readers. The research is divided into 5 parts. Chapter one is introduction. It consists of Background of Study, Research Questions,

Research Objective, Benefit of Study, Limitation of Study and Research Paper Organization. Chapter two is Literature Review. It consists of Underlying Theory and Previous Study. Chapter three is Research Method, which contains Type of Study, Type of Data and Data Source, Method of Collecting Data and Technique of Analyzing Data. Chapter four is Finding and Discussion. Chapter five provides Conclusion, Suggestion, and Pedagogical Benefits for the research.

