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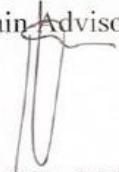
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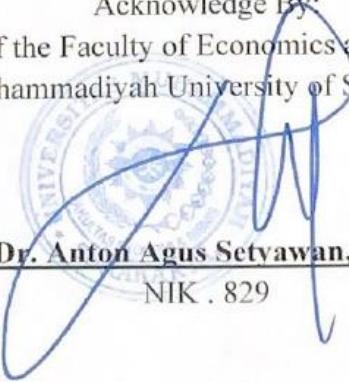
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if you had, one shot, or one opportunity To seize everything you ever wanted In one moment Would  
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## **ABSTRACT**

This quantitative method study aims to determine whether product descriptions have an effect on purchase intention, with cognitive and affective involvement as part of product involvement, enduring and situational involvement as part of platform involvement. This study is based on the Involvement theory, and previous studies on product descriptions, product involvement, platform involvement, and purchase intention on online platforms. The number of samples in this study was 121 respondents, with sample determination using purposive sampling technique, with the criteria for respondents being consumers who have never purchased on the Alibaba.com marketplace. The data analysis method used is Structural Equation Modeling Partial Least Square (SEM-PLS) with SmartPLS 3.2.6 software. This study found that affective involvement, and situational involvement have a positive and significant effect on purchase intention on the Alibaba.com marketplace. However, in this study, product descriptions, cognitive involvement, and enduring involvement do not have a significant effect on purchase intention. Unlike previous studies, enduring involvement has a significant relationship with purchase intention. Through this study, it can be said that strong emotional appeal and consumer's current situation makes a product particularly relevant can significantly impact purchase intention. Implications for further researchers, it is recommended to reuse the variables of cognitive involvement, enduring involvement, and purchase intention as well as other variables that can lead to enduring involvement and cognitive involvement towards purchase intention. Various types of products, populations, and analysis models can be used to conduct further research to provide a more complete and precis picture and data.

*Keywords: product description, purchase Intention, cognitive involvement, affective involvement, enduring involvement, and situational involvement. involvement.*

## **ABSTRAK**

Penelitian dengan metode kuantitatif ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui apakah deskripsi produk berpengaruh terhadap minat beli, dengan keterlibatan kognitif dan afektif sebagai bagian dari keterlibatan produk, keterlibatan berkelanjutan dan situasional sebagai bagian dari keterlibatan platform. Penelitian ini berlandaskan pada teori Keterlibatan, dan penelitian-penelitian sebelumnya tentang deskripsi produk, keterlibatan produk, keterlibatan platform, dan minat beli pada platform daring. Jumlah sampel dalam penelitian ini sebanyak 121 responden, dengan penentuan sampel menggunakan teknik purposive sampling, dengan kriteria responden adalah konsumen yang belum pernah melakukan pembelian pada marketplace Alibaba.com. Metode analisis data yang digunakan adalah Structural Equation Modeling Partial Least Square (SEM-PLS) dengan software SmartPLS 3.2.6. Penelitian ini menemukan bahwa keterlibatan afektif, dan keterlibatan situasional berpengaruh positif dan signifikan terhadap minat beli pada marketplace Alibaba.com. Namun, pada penelitian ini, deskripsi produk, keterlibatan kognitif, dan keterlibatan berkelanjutan tidak berpengaruh signifikan terhadap minat beli. Berbeda dengan penelitian-penelitian sebelumnya, keterlibatan berkelanjutan memiliki hubungan yang signifikan dengan minat beli. Melalui penelitian ini dapat dikatakan bahwa daya tarik emosional yang kuat dan situasi konsumen saat ini membuat suatu produk menjadi sangat relevan dapat berdampak signifikan terhadap minat pembelian. Implikasi bagi peneliti selanjutnya, disarankan untuk menggunakan kembali variabel keterlibatan kognitif, keterlibatan abadi, dan minat beli serta variabel lain yang dapat menyebabkan keterlibatan abadi dan keterlibatan kognitif terhadap minat beli konsumen. Berbagai jenis produk, populasi, dan model analisis dapat digunakan untuk melakukan penelitian lebih lanjut guna memberikan gambaran dan data yang lebih lengkap dan tepat.

*Kata Kunci: deskripsi produk, niat membeli, keterlibatan kognitif, keterlibatan afektif, keterlibatan bertahan, dan keterlibatan situasional.*

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