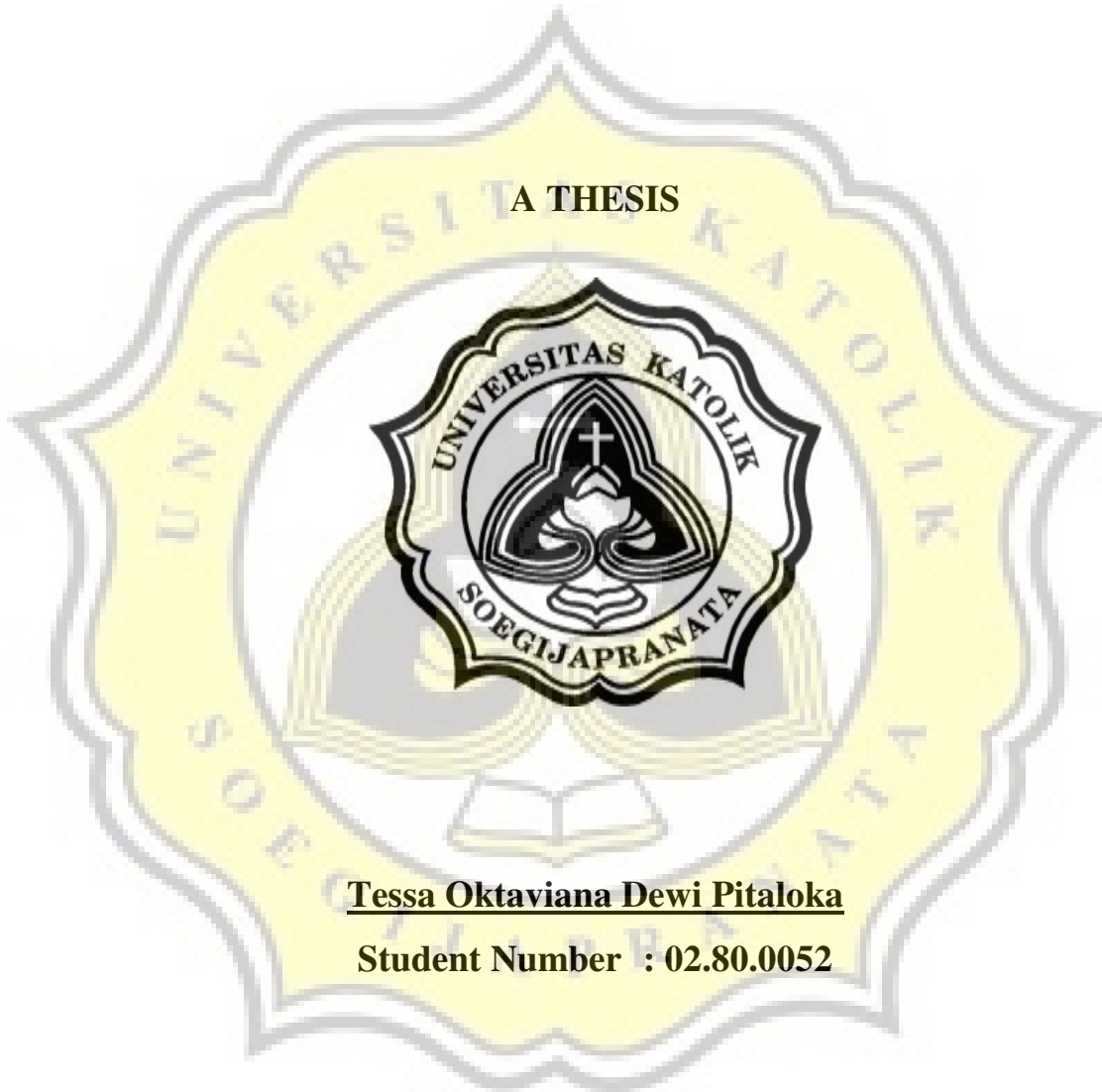


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Never Let Go

(Josh Groban)

I can't understand it
The search for an answer is met with a dark day
A road we've been handed the more it's clear
But I'm reassured the same way

You didn't have to cry anymore
There is a room for me again
Face the pain to realize all that has been
Forced apart by time and sand
Take a step and take my hand
A roadn't let go
Never let go

Broken, once created
We were so strong and so bold in a simple way
So don't let me go take me

Till you're held up to the sky

Nothing down below but me
Faithful to realize all that we can be
To a path by age and fear
Held on to what brought you here
Don't let go
Never let go



I am a life
All I see is that I understand,
I understand only because of me



Thank you

For the blessing

*For the smile that flows like an
endless river*

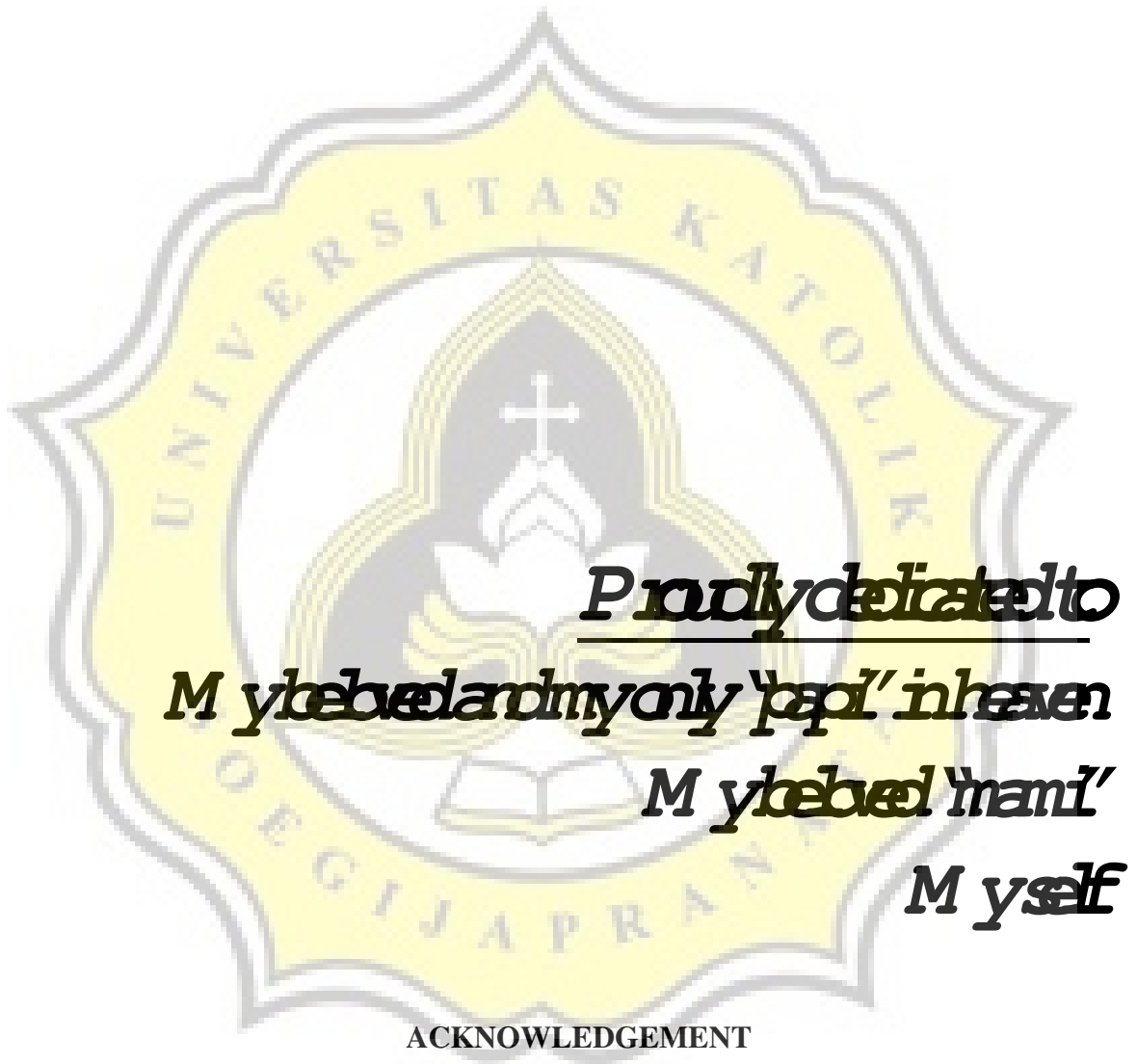
For the guidance, support and shelter

For the joy, happiness and sadness

*For the happy days that we've been
through*

For being the greatest man and father

I obbeyu....



Proudly dedicated to

My beloved and my only 'papi' in heaven

My beloved 'mami'

Myself

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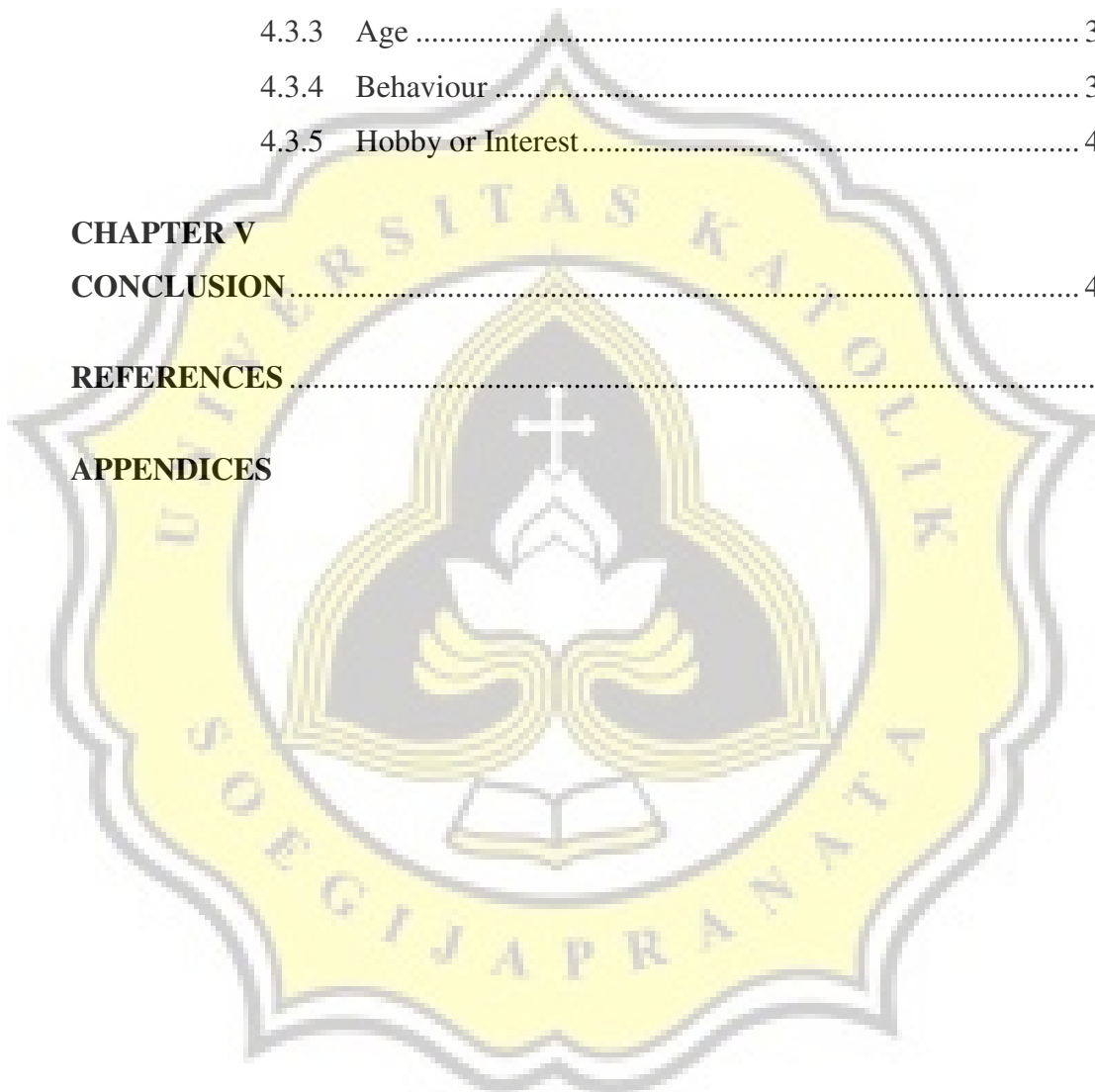
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ABSTRACT

In a community people are expected to marry and build a new family. There are many things that people have to do before they are getting married. One quite important thing is to select a mate. The selection of a mate is important in determining whether someone will possibly have a happy marriage or not. Therefore, selecting an appropriate mate is not an easy thing to do. There are some qualifications that should be considered. The qualifications of mate selection of each person will be different, as experienced by the two major characters, Elinor and Marianne in the novel *Sense and Sensibility*. Basically, the selection of a mate is an individual matter. Even though people are free to choose a mate, but the society and their environment play quite big role in considering the qualifications of a mate. The objectives of this study are to find out the qualifications of mate selection of Elinor and Marianne as the major character in the novel and try to reveal the condition of social live in the 18th century which makes the two characters have such qualifications in selecting a mate. The study will also continue to find out how the society in that period influenced people's choices of a mate. Based on this study, the writer find out that there are five qualifications which are considered by the main characters such as; money or wealth which become the most important qualification compare to the other qualifications, physical appearance, age, behaviour and hobby or interest. Most of the main character's qualifications above are much influenced by the society and their environment in that era because people's ways of thinking are usually influenced by other people around them.

ABSTRAK

Di dalam suatu komunitas masyarakat, orang-orang diharapkan untuk menikah dan membangun sebuah keluarga baru. Sebelum menikah, ada banyak hal yang harus dilakukan. Salah satu hal yang sangat penting adalah memilih pasangan hidup. Pemilihan pasangan sangatlah penting untuk menentukan kebahagiaan sebuah pernikahan. Maka dari itu, pemilihan pasangan adalah hal yang tidak mudah untuk dilakukan. Ada banyak kualifikasi atau hal-hal yang harus dipertimbangkan seperti misalnya; penampilan fisik, umur, latarbelakang sosial, pendidikan dan status sosial. Kualifikasi-kualifikasi dalam menentukan pasangan pada tiap-tiap orang tidak sama, seperti yang dialami oleh dua tokoh utama dalam novel *Sense and Sensibility*. Pada dasarnya, pemilihan pasangan hidup merupakan hal yang bersifat pribadi, tetapi masyarakat juga turut memberikan pengaruh. Meskipun orang-orang memiliki kebebasan dalam menentukan pasangan hidupnya, akan tetapi masyarakat dan lingkungan juga memegang peranan yang cukup besar yang menjadikan orang-orang memiliki kualifikasi-kualifikasi yang harus dipertimbangkan dalam memilih pasangan hidupnya. Oleh karena itu, tujuan dari skripsi ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui kualifikasi-kualifikasi pemilihan pasangan hidup baik Elinor dan Marianne sebagai tokoh utama dan untuk mengungkap kondisi keadaan sosial masyarakat abad 18 yang menjadikan mereka mempunyai kualifikasi-kualifikasi seperti itu. Tidak hanya itu, tetapi skripsi ini juga akan membahas tentang bagaimana masyarakat pada saat itu mempengaruhi pemilihan pasangan hidup. Berdasarkan pengamatan, penulis menemukan lima kualifikasi yang menjadi pertimbangan kedua tokoh utama dalam memilih pasangan hidupnya, seperti misalnya; uang atau kekayaan yang menjadi kualifikasi terpenting dibandingkan kualifikasi-kualifikasi yang lain, penampilan fisik, umur, tingkah laku dan hobi. Hampir semua kualifikasi tersebut diatas banyak dipengaruhi oleh masyarakat dan lingkungan pada masa itu, karena cara berpikir orang pada umunya banyak terpengaruh oleh masyarakat disekitar mereka.