

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### I.1. Background of The Study

F. Scott Fitzgerald is an American writer who is not generally accepted as one of the America's serious and ambitious novelists. In his early age, he writes plays, short stories, and poems that are published on newspapers. Fitzgerald also writes film scripts to collect money since his novels fail financially.

Not until after his death in 1940 does his works get attentions from the critics. He is interested in presenting the actual condition of the 1920's American society which is reflected in his novels such as *Tender is the Night*. The novel pictures the way of life of the American rich. The periods 1920 - 1930 is the hardest time for all the people of the America. America is in the first step in building its economic after the First World War, which has been completely damaged. At that time, the people are only thinking about how to improve their material wealth. This is the beginning of liberalism which is based on materialism.



*Tender Is The Night* is a novel that can present the situation in 1920 - 1930 such as the changing of the society, the disintegration, and people who want to please themselves. They believe that money is the only thing to achieve happiness; they forget that there is a value about a man who is struggling find his own identity in society. This novel, like other Fitzgerald's novels, is talking about pessimism. Dick Diver as the main character of the novel who is portrayed as a brilliant, ambitious, successful, and young doctor. He fails to create his dreams to be a powerful man. Dick Diver marries Nicole a lady who comes from a rich and powerful family. He becomes more depend to Nicole's family. Nicole can not become a good wife because she suffers from schizophrenia. Her suffer began after her mother death. She is closer to her father as a lover, until they are making love. Nicole becomes afraid to face men.

Dick Diver falls in love with Rosemary Hoyt, an actress. He moves to follow her, but Dick is disappointed that Rosemary also follows the upper class way of life. He is not respected from society. He wants to return to Nicole but she has married another man. Society ignores him because he is not the rich man anyway, because his society prefers wealth than intelligence. Dick Diver has a bad view to face his future.

This novel does not only entertain the readers with the choice of beautiful words, but what is more important is that occur to portrait the society, the human behaviour, and the conflict between men and men or men to society. Pessimism is one of human being behaviours.

### **I.2. Statement of the problem**

Based on the background of the study above, I am interested in analyzing the human failure, especially in pessimism, through in Dick Diver's character. The problems to be analyzed are formulated into these following questions :

1. How does pessimism occur in Dick Diver's life?
2. How does Dick Diver's personal life interfere with his social life?
3. How Dick Diver's pessimism affect other people?

### **I.3. Objective of the Study**

The purpose of the study is to know about the conditions of Dick Diver who has pessimistic view. It is also to reveal the conditions that make Dick Diver pessimistic. Finally it is to reveal the influence of Dick Diver's pessimism to other people and his close friend.

#### **I.4. Significant of the Study**

The purpose of the analysis is to enlarge the readers knowledge in this literary work in which there are failures that are faced by the main character, so we can better understand about life and relationship with other people.

The writer expects that this study may also give contribution to further literary research that concerns this novel.

Finally for the readers, there will be more interesting and understanding in reading this novel.

#### **I.5. Scope and Limitation**

This study only concerns about the intrinsic elements of novel. It means that the writer is concerned with the analysis of Dick Diver's pessimism through characterization, plot, and setting.

By analyzing these elements we will get a better understanding about Dick Diver's pessimism.

## **I.6. Theoretical Background**

To know that there is pessimism in F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel, the writer analyzes the character in Dick Diver through the intrinsic elements of the novel, which according to Abrams is considered as the objective Theory, since it only concentrates on the work itself. For this, the writer will discuss the characters, the setting, and the plot

Besides the intrinsic elements, the writer also uses psychological background, that concerns with the inner conflict of Dick Diver one of the characters.

## **I.7. Method of the Study**

The writer has applied the library research, that is a process of finding informations which are useful in helping the writer directs the research. The writer collects data and informations from various books, articles, encyclopedias, and all kinds of related materials.

This materials that support my thesis and have relations close to F. Scott Fitzgerald.

In the analysis, the writer uses the descriptive analysis method, that is the descriptive explanation of the problems through dialogues, events, and actions. This method is applied based on the work itself and is supported by other informations about his work.

### I.8. Definitions of Key Term

*Pessimism* : it is a tendency to expect the worse or the point of view that this is the worst of all possible worlds and that man is foredoomed to frustration, disappointment, and tragedy.

In philosophy, a frame of mind that finds life meaningless, existence futile, and progress illusory-concluding that it would be better for man if he had never been.

*Materialism* : In art, the tendency to lay stress on the material aspect of the objects represented.

Devotion to material needs or desires, to the neglect of spiritual matter; a way of life, opinion, or tendency based entirely upon material interest.

*Schizophrenia* : is a mental disorder characterized by many symptoms that in different combinations involve feeling, thought, actions, and relations with the surrounding world.

The patient isolates himself and seems to lose interest in his surroundings. His thinking processes are superficial and refer only to concrete things or situations. His emotions lack depth, and his judgement is inadequate.

# CHAPTER III

## THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK