

## ABSTRACT

**Mia Amalia Rahmah (204102352):** “The Characterizations of Mental Disorder on Khaled Hosseini’s *The Kite Runner*”

A mental disorder or mental illness is a psychological or behavioral pattern that occurs in an individual and is thought to cause distress or disability. Mental disorder itself, is one of disorder that characterized by disturbances in a person’s thoughts, emotions, or behavior. If a person could not control or repress the drives and desires, the struggle between ego and id appears, and then becomes the mental problems. The way people to face those problems will bring them into the right or wrong path. This wrong path is what it called as being depress. However, depress itself is the causation of mental disorder. The object of this research is Khaled Hosseini’s *The Kite Runner*. The problem analyzed in this research concerning the characters’ mental disorder dealing with psychological perspective based on the theory that is relevant.

The researcher uses qualitative paradigm with the descriptive analytic method because this research used to describe the facts and then needs analyze it to solve the problem. Then to support this method, the writer uses some data resources. In dealing with the problem in this research, the book of Sigmund Freud; *A General Introduction to Psychoanalysis* is taken as the main reference, besides the other theories of psychoanalysis.

The researcher proposes two problems in this research. The questions are about kinds of mental disorders which felt upon three characters (Amir, Asseff, and Hassan) in Khaled Hosseini’s *The Kite Runner*, and the factors which cause mental disorder happen to the three main characters. Meanwhile the data of this research is the text and narrations identified as the representation of mental disorder which describes in characters’ dialogue as the indirect behavior.

As the result, there are many kinds of mental disorder which felt upon the three characters. This mental disorder concludes some part of human problems in society. Amir as the main character is known to have a kind of anxiety that forced him to do the denial, also because of much guilt he felt worry of being something that he deserved to be. Asseff with his motives and beliefs, is known to be a psychopath which able to do the crime to get self satisfactions. Hassan is the victim of Amir and Asseff’s crimes, the achievement of satisfaction.

Finally the researcher takes the conclusion that people destined to have problem or distress, and being depress, but to solve it people faced to choices, take the right way to be the right man, or take the wrong way to be the mistaken one. It must be sure that the mistaken one is the reborn of new problem. That is the circle of life, it is the same thing that researcher tries to figure out in this research. It is found that the characters of Khaled Hosseini’s *the Kite Runner* are obviously have the symptom of mental disorders, they more to live in ego than to struggle to rip the tensions.