CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

This chapter describes about the research objects and methodology used in analyzing the data.

3.1 Research Object

This study is conducted to analyze the social problem appearing in novel *The Princess Casamassima* by Henry James. The social problem analyzed id focused on the social class problems.

3.2 Research Method

The research method used in this research is descriptive comparative in analyzing the data. According to Nyoman Kutha Ratna (2004) descriptive comparative method is used in analyzing the data by describing and comparing (2004, p 53). This method is used to compare the analysis of social class in the novel and in the history of the time represented in it. Moreover, descriptive comparative is intended to figure out the basic answer towards causality aspects by analyzing the factors that causes certain phenomenon (Nazir in Sari, 2007, p 26). Thus, this method can find out the cause of the existence of the social class in this research.

3.3 Data Collection

The process of collecting the data for this research is first the writer searched the novel and the writer choses *The Princess Casamassima,* one of Henry James's novels since, this novel exists of some social problems happened in the late eighteen centuries. Second, the writer read the whole novel comprehensively, and then the writer found the major social problem appearing in the novel which is social class. The analysis focuses on social class effect and its relation with the social condition at that time. Third, the writer makes a limitation of the data which would be analyzed through conflict. Then, the social class problems appearing in the novel is related to literary theory.

3.4 Data Analysis

The data analysis shows the effect of the social classes towards the society in the novel; the social class has made some difficulties for the lower class such as in getting job, in getting education, and in getting marriage. In analyzing the data Marxism theory and sociological theory is used to explain the phenomenon that happened because of the social class.

Example;

Below is the conversation between Miss Pynsent and Mrs. Bowerbank. They are talking about Hyacinth father, Miss Pynsent does not want the lady have a low opinion about Hyacinth because his father is a Lord.

> *'I suppose we oughtn't to forget that his father was very high,' she suggested, appealingly, with her hands clasped tightly in her lap.*
> *'His father? Who knows who* he *was? He doesn't set up for having a father, does he?'*

From the conversation above we can see that Mrs Bowerbank see Hyacinth as a child who does not have a father because her mother killed his father and giving birth to Hyacinth in prison and also because Hyacinth is considered as illegitimate child of Lord Frederick. Here, the society has a role in deciding someone's position. In Hyacinth case since he is an illegitimate child and society has a low opinion about this therefore the society put him in the lower class.