## *ABSTRACT*

***The Woman Emancipation through R.A. Kartini's thought***
***(The Study of Hermeneutics of Woman Emancipation's Meaning from The Book Habis Gelap Terbitlah Terang)***

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*This research aims to find out the meaning of woman emancipation through Kartini's thought which was stated in the book "Habis Gelap Terbitlah Terang", so there is no meaning change and misunderstanding in interpreting the meaning of woman emancipation.*

*This research used quantitative method by using Jurgen Habermas' hermeneutic approach. The understanding based on Harbermas is divided into three classes; language or linguistics, action and experience. This research collected the data by using documentation technique, literary review and online data. Then, in analysis technique, it used data categorization and reduction, data and conclusion. In testing the data authentification, reference material and member check applied.*

*The research finding was the meaning of woman emancipation through Kartini's thought which has two aspects for free and independent. First, as woman, she wanted to have a chance for having a formal education. Second, she refused the polygami marriage. The way of Kartini in struggling the woman emancipation was by writing. The thought and action of Kartini couldn't be separated from her background as the child of second wife and aristocratic person. The conclusion of this research was showing that woman emancipation based on Kartini was an action to be free for having an education for women and the refusal of polygami. To struglle those two aspects, kartini used literature. Kartini's experience as the child of second wife became the main part to struggle the woman emancipation. Besides, java culture too restraints woman and made Kartini wanted to set herself free as woman and people who were in the same path with her.*

*The writer suggestion for people is to know and understanding the meaning of emancipation first before make it as the phrase of woman emancipation.*