

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of the Study

Social classes are more than just how much money you have, they also include the clothes you wear, the place you stay and other. The most important is how you interact with others, for example what figures of speech they use. People from lower classes have different ways of thinking about the world and life than people in upper classes. People who come from a lower class background, who do not have good education, have to adapt to the environment. Upper class people are different, the people who have wealth, education and prestige in their life, they will have more freedom in the environment .

According to Antonio Gramsci (1935) in his Marxism theory, the bourgeoisie establish and maintain what they called hegemony. Because the bourgeoisie actually control economic base and thereby establish all the element that make superstructure-music, literature, art and others- they gain the spontaneous accolades of the working class. Cultural hegemony is the philosophy and sociological concept that culturally - diverse society can be ruled or dominated by one of social classes.

Antonio Gramsci notes in his work known as the Prison Notebook by stated :  
“ Hegemony refers to a process or moral and intellectual leadership through which dominant or subordinate classes , in post - 1870s industrial western nation consent to their own domination by ruling classes “ .(Prison Notebook)

In generally, social classes are defined with a group of people with similar levels of wealth, influences, and status. There are four types of social classes, first is lower class is poverty, homeless and unemployment. People of this class who have bad education, suffer from lack medical care, decent clothes and others. The second is the working class, people who have minimal education. The working class is define in two, unskilled workers who usually work as maids, then skilled workers who usually work as plumbers. Third is the middle class, people who have more money than those class below them, but less than those class above them. The middle class also defined in two, the lower middle class which is often made up of less educated people with lower incomes, then upper middle class is often made up of highly educated and they are professional people with high incomes. Fourth is the upper class, this class is divided into two groups, the lower - upper are people who have money from their investment or their hard work, the the upper - upper are people who are really born in high society families who have been rich for generations, for example kingdom family .

In social life the media often stigmatized the lower class as criminal. The media stigmatized them as criminal because, they are people who do not have education or skill to work, then maybe the one way they can get money by doing criminal acts. The upper classes are extremely wealthy people, and the have more money than they could possibly spend for their life. They live in good places and also they have controls in their country.

Social classes already become common it has influences many writer, director and other to make literary works with social classes as theme , for example is The

Necklace, this story told about Mathilde and her husband lives in a small house . Their lives are merely simple. Mathilde envied her friend who has a large house and luxurious lives. Another example are The Open boat, this story told about four men are stranded in the ocean. One of them knows of a survival lesson, after days of rowed , the finally reached the island, but only three of them make it to shore safely .

These are the reasons of the writer used Marxism analysis approach and The Lottery short story as source to analyzed .

The first reason is that the setting on this short story in the era when the social classes are still became big problem

The second is that Marxism analysis approach is one of suitable theories to analyze the class struggles in this short story .

The third reason is that class struggles are major focus of this analysis.

Based on the reason above , the writer tries to analyzed The Lottery short story used Marxism approach by Antonion Gramsci with the title is *The Class Struggle in Shirley Jackson's Short Story " The Lottery" A Marxism Analysis Approach.*

## **1.2 Statement of the Problems**

The problems that are discussed in this research paper are stated as follows :

1. What are the social classes that appear on The Lottery ?
2. What are the effects of the social class on society that appear on The Lottery ?

## **1.3 Objective of the Study**

Based on the problem of the study above the writer has objectives of the study are stated as follows :

1. To find out the social classes that appear on The Lottery .
2. To find out the effects of the social classes in society that appear on The Lottery .

## **1.4 Scope of the Study**

There are many aspect that can be analyzed in The Lottery, but this paper will focus on the social classes. The writer will describe the social classes problems that happen on The Lottery and the effects of social classes .

## **1.5 Significant of the Study**

### **1. Theoretical Significance**

The writer hopes that the result of this paper can give new information and knowledge, especially the literary study on Shirley Jackson short story The Lottery .

### **2. Practical Significance**

This paper is hoped that it can give deeper information and knowledge, especially for the writer himself and generally for other literary students. Also it can be used as reference and source by other students who studied about literature and Marxism approach .

## **1.6 Approach of the Study**

The writer uses Marxism theory approach in this paper, as theory it relies on method of views social classes. More specific the writer uses Marxism theory by Antonio Gramsci. According to Antonio Gramsci in his Marxism theory, the bourgeoisie establish and maintain what they called hegemony .

## **1.7 Organization of the Paper**

The organization of the paper in this study is for help the readers to understanding the contents of this paper. Chapter I is introduction, which contains background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, scope of the study, significance of the study, approach of the study and organization of the paper. Chapter II is general analysis which contains biography of the writer and synopsis. Chapter III is the theory approach, which contains the previous studies, definition of the literature and short story, and the Marxism theory that writer used for this paper. Chapter IV is Finding and Discussion of The Lottery short story, that relate to statement of the problems about the social classes and the effect of the social classes used Marxism theory. Chapter V is the last chapter of this paper contains with conclusions and suggestions.