

## **CHAPTER III**

### **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

#### **3.1 Research Design**

This research is qualitative research. As defined by Creswell (2013), this research focused in accumulating the data as a set of interpretive meanings through the act of describing and analysing in forms of words. The design of descriptive qualitative was used to conduct the research, which the data collected were delivered descriptively using words and sentences. The researcher applied the theory by Simone de Beauvoir regarding existentialist feminism. It was used to analyse the forms of female oppressions, in "*Tess of the d'Urbervilles*" by Thomas Hardy, and female struggles against oppressions.

#### **3.2 Object of the Research**

The novel entitled "*Tess of the d'Urbervilles*" was authored by Thomas Hardy in the year of 1891. It was first appeared in British illustrated newspaper, and then was published in a book form with three volumes in the same year, and a single volume in the next year. This novel that originally had 592 pages, received several mixed contrast reviews as it challenged on the moral of sexual regarding late Victorian England. This novel is adapted into several films and TV series. One of the film adaptations has the title "*Tess*", drama film directed by Roman Polanski in the year of 1979. Meanwhile, the story of Tess was made into series in television, one of them was adapted into three-hour television series with two episodes in the

year of 1998, and another was adapted into four-hour television series with four episodes in the year of 2008.

In researching on this novel as data source, there were two objects of the research. First research problem is the forms of female oppression in "*Tess of the d'Urbervilles*" novel by Thomas Hardy which are analysed by using Young's five forms of oppression. Second research problem is the struggles of female against oppression in "*Tess of the d'Urbervilles*" novel which used the theory by de Beauvoir regarding women's strategies to achieve equality.

### **3.3 Method of Collecting Data**

Library research is the method used to collect the data of this research. According to Ratna (2004), the method of library research is used to explore the literature texts by presenting the use of primary and secondary data sources. This research's primary data source is the novel written by Thomas Hardy entitled "*Tess of the d'Urbervilles*", and the secondary data sources are all writings that were used as references in this research, they were printed and electronic books, journal articles, and websites that are related closely to the research, to support in analysing data.

In collecting the data, there are a few steps that follow, first step to collect the data was reading the novel of "*Tess of the d'Urbervilles*", followed by highlighted sentences which are the narratives and dialogues related to the object of the research. Last, the collected data was structured accordingly to each object of the research.

### **3.4 Method of Analysing Data**

Descriptive analysis was used as the method to analyse the data collected in this research. Ratna (2004) had stated that the method of descriptive analysis is used to describe the validity of data in data source chosen and continue by analysing it through thorough explanation and interpretation.

In analysing the data, there are a few steps that follow, first step to analyse data was analysing the intrinsic elements of the novel, which included plot, characters, settings, theme, and point of view. Next is analysing extrinsic elements on the novel "*Tess of the d'Urbervilles*" by using the theory by Simone de Beauvoir regarding existentialist feminism along with the support from other analysis.

### **3.5 Method of Presenting Research Result**

After analysing the data collected, next step will be presenting the result of the research. The method that will be used to present this research's result is using qualitative strategy method by Creswell (2014). It is a way of presenting the result of analysis as a report by elaborating from the research's data, narratively by using words and sentences in order for the readers to understand easily of the analysis results.