

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design

In this research, the descriptive qualitative method is used. As Creswell (2013) mentioned, qualitative method is used to research specific understanding of phenomena in social field. Descriptive manner is used as this research will be involving data in discourses and sentences. Descriptive qualitative method then will aid researcher in interpreting data collected as descriptive qualitative essences are focused in finding and explaining phenomena occurred in the social field. Interpretations of phenomenon then will be based on existentialism discourses by Bigelow (1961) and freedom discourses by Sartre (2012). Hence, this method of research is suitable for conducting analysis of existentialism reflected in novel "*Life of Pi*" by Yann Martel.

3.2 Object of the Research

Life of Pi is a novel which brings up philosophical issues from a story of shipwreck survivor written by Yann Martel. This novel was published in 2001. This 336-page novel has been adapted to a movie in 2012 with the same title as it has sold for more than ten million copies around the world and won several awards for fiction novel, one of which is Man Booker Prize for Fiction, a year after it is published. Prior to this astonishing achievement, this

book was rejected by London publishers. *Life of Pi* brings the question about the reality and how it is seen and reflected.

The object of the research is existentialism aspect reflected in *Life of Pi* novel. This research will select existentialism discourses as research object. The researcher will be using existentialism discourses classified by Bigelow (1961) and freedom discourses by Sartre (2012) to analyse the novel "*Life of Pi*". Classification of existentialism and freedom discourses will be conducted using the sentences and symbolism related. *Life of Pi* main character has qualities that enables it to be analysed further, especially its survival experience told us on how life can turn out with the will to live and strives for freedom from his struggles.

3.3 Method of Collecting Data

Data collection in this research is done by using the method of library research. The library research approach involves evaluating text, whether new or old, using both primary and secondary data sources (Ratna, 2009). This research involved the primary source of "*Life of Pi*" novel by Yann Martel and secondary data of books, articles, and any related article that supports this analysis. The selected secondary data serves the purposes as reference in order to support following research. Data are collected through systematic steps.

Few steps were taken in order to collect the data. Firstly, the researcher read the novel "*Life of Pi*" thoroughly. Second, the researcher marked and noted down the texts or sentences of the narrative that are related to the existentialism discourses. Lastly, the collected data was categorized accordingly to the objectives of the research.

3.4 Method of Analysing Data

With qualitative method, analysing method followed through with descriptive analysis method. Referring to Ratna (2009), descriptive analysis is an analytically designed method of research by describing facts in data found and describing it with justification and understanding. This research's analysis had followed several steps.

The first step of analysing started by evaluating the intrinsic elements of the novel, such as the plot, settings, characters, theme, and point of view. Second, the data collected are divided into the related objectives. Next step is the data is analysed extrinsically by applying existentialism discourses theorized by Bigelow (1961) and Sartre (2012), into the forms of sentences and paragraphs. Lastly, the interpretation of the data is structured into a report of analysis, eventually presented as the analysis' results.

3.5 Method of Presenting Research Analysis

Presentation of the data in this research is done accordingly to the research design descriptive qualitative. Qualitative paradigm involves reporting research findings using description and themes obtained from the data collected for the study (Creswell, 2013). Hence, the result will be in descriptive manner of words. The data result also are presented by sorting each related theory. This method of presentation is hoped to ease readers in understanding this research.