

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter presents the conclusion and suggestion based on finding and discussion of the data analysis.

5.1 Conclusion

Throughout the novel, the main character faces many issues regarding her love and belonging needs, which she struggles to overcome. An example of her struggle is that she has to work, this means a social life is very difficult for her to have and this is one of the reasons for her social issues. Another issue she faces is that in the absence of her father she has to carry out some of his jobs such as managing her family's finance again taking up her time away from things a normal 15 year old girl would be doing. Another excellent example of how she was willing to struggle to bring her family together, while her father was very ill they were unable to afford to visit him in the hospital which is far away, so in order for her mom to be able to travel to see him, she cut her hair off and sold it.

Related to the theory of hierarchy of human needs by Abraham Maslow, after physiological and safety needs have been met, Love and belonging needs become necessary to be fulfilled. Since this needs is necessary, people will do anything for it to be fulfilled. As Jo experiences in this novel, in order to fulfill her love and belonging needs, she needs to make some incredible sacrifices, even if she has to sacrifice her pride. It shows that she is willing to do anything to feel loved and to be accepted, it does not matter how difficult the obstacle is that she has faced.

5.2 Suggestion

After analyzing the obstacles and the struggles that are experienced by the main character in the novel *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott, the researcher realizes that this research is still far from perfect. The researcher realizes that there are more things that need to be analyzed in different issues. Since this research used the theory of hierarchy of human needs which consists of five stages, the researcher has only focused to analyze the third stage, love and belonging needs due to the time and ability of the researcher has, the researcher suggests for the future researchers to conduct similar research with a different perspective such as esteem needs and self-actualization.