

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

5.1 Conclusion

The interpersonal and social exchange theory was found in the novel of *The Fault in Our Stars* written by John Green and was analyzed by using the theory of Robert S. Feldman and Thibaut and Kelley. The form of character development could be seen from two factors which were external and internal factors. The researcher analyzed the internal factor in the form of character development with interpersonal relationship and external factor through social exchange theory. Interpersonal relationship has four factors they were similarity, reciprocity of liking, positive individuality, and physical form and manner. The similarity could be seen from the health condition of both Hazel and Augustus. Reciprocity of liking could be seen from both Hazel and Augustus when they expressed their feeling to one another by words and expressed their liking through their behavior, physical form, and the attractiveness of a person. Positive individuality could be seen from Augustus himself who was a knowledgeable, temperate, incredible, and get along with people easily meanwhile as for Hazel, she was considerate, kind, easy going, and modest. Lastly physical form and manner were seen from Hazel herself that Augustus still find her attractive while she was using an oxygen tanks and only have half lungs.

The second factors that gave much influenced in developing the relationship between Hazel and Augustus was called the social exchange. This analysis was explored by using the theory of Thibaut and Kelley through two factors they were

complication and hindrance. Complication could be seen from the moment when they were invited by Peter Van Houten to his house and they saw that Peter is being rude. Meanwhile, hindrance could be seen from the conversation between Hazel and her doctor. As a result, hindrance could make a huge impact for individuals to overcoming a relationship problem. So, social exchange is the most significant and important point of view of a relationship that mainly comes from the external factors. The cause from the external factors can be through the experience where one or two parties faced. Those factors were to make a relationship last longer through those experience.

Through interpersonal relationship and social exchange, someone will be able to develop themselves. The theory of Robert S. Feldman about interpersonal relationship and Thibaut and Kelley about social exchange was applicable to be applied and existed in the novel of “The Fault in our Stars” and it could be seen from Hazel herself that she was once an introvert person into an extrovert person. The Fault in Our Stars was proven to be able to apply the psychological approach by using the theory of interpersonal relationship and social exchange in order to see the psychological of the characters in the theory that have been discussed above. This research also proved that the application of psychological theory can be applied through the characters in literature works.

5.2 Suggestion

Psychological approach is more relevant to applied in analysis The Fault in Our Stars. The characters shown by Hazel and Augustus were intense to be discussed by applying psychological theory. That was the most important point

for the researcher to explore the theories of interpersonal relationship and social exchange. However, *The Fault in Our Stars* novel also presented many issues that could be explored in the role of dominant and decisive female figures which could be applied by using the theory of feminism. The construction of social phenomena about human who do not have power to control the disease could also be applied by using the sociological approach and it also could be analyzed by using popular literary theories. Lastly, the researcher hopes that there will be another researcher who could explore more of this research by using different approach.