

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This section describes the methods used in conducting research on the novel *Woman at Point Zero*. This research is arranged systematically to obtain a deep understanding of the intrinsic elements in the novel, especially in analyzing themes, characters, settings, and points of view. The choice of research method is adjusted to the qualitative approach and literary analysis, which aim to reveal the meaning and message contained in the work interpretatively.

3.1 Research Design

This research uses descriptive qualitative research. According to (Sugiyono, 2020), qualitative research is a qualitative research method used to research on natural object condition, where the researcher is the key instrument and data collection techniques are carried out in detail. Further explained by (Creswell, 2014), a qualitative approach used to understand human or social problems by creating a comprehensive and complex picture that is reported in detail as conveyed by participant as a source of information. In addition, this research focuses on providing a broad understanding of feminist issues and women's resistance to patriarchal culture that makes women only considered objects. Furthermore, this research uses a qualitative method because the data is included in the analysis and presentation of the results in descriptive form. Therefore, this research examines and analyzes data continuously until there is no more data that needs to be examined.

3.2 Object of the research

As a literary study, researcher analyzed the feminist approach in the novel “Woman at Point Zero” by Nawal El-Saadawi. Although this novel was rejected several times by several publisher in Egypt, finally, Saadawi published this novel with a Lebanese publisher in 1975. Meanwhile, the novel was published in English in 1983 by Zed Books Ltd. Now the novel “Woman at Point Zero” has been published in various languages in the world, including Indonesia. In Indonesia, the novel was translated by Amir Sutaarga and published by Yayasan Pendidikan Obor Indonesia.

The object of this research is the novel “Woman at Point Zero” written by Nawal El Saadawi. This novel serves as the primary source of data and is analyzed to explore the issues of gender inequality, male domination, and the oppression of women in a patriarchal society as portrayed through the experiences of the main character, Firdaus. The novel “Woman at Point Zero” by Nawal El Saadawi is a powerful and thought-provoking novel that highlights the struggles of women in patriarchal societies. The story is based on the real-life experiences of Firdaus, a woman who faces abuse, exploitation, and oppression throughout her life, ultimately taking control of her fate in a shocking and transformative way. The novel stands out for its raw, unflinching portrayal of gender inequality and the complex dynamics of power. It has been celebrated for its compelling narrative, vivid characterization, and profound social commentary on the treatment of women. Woman at Point Zero has achieved critical acclaim worldwide, with its impact being felt not only in literary circles but also in the broader fight for women's rights. In addition to its widespread acclaim, “Woman at

Point Zero” has earned several notable achievements. The novel has become a cornerstone of feminist literature, especially in the Arab world, where it has sparked important discussions about gender, societal roles, and individual autonomy.

3.3 Method of Collecting Data

To ensure a well-structured research approach, researcher use data collection methods. Data collection is essential as it enables the collection of information in accordance with the theory used in this study. This research uses library research method conducted by Ratna (2014) , to collect data. In order to describe the overall data required, literature research was conducted relating to items in the form of specific works Ratna, 2014). Therefore, the novel “Woman at Point Zero” by Nawal El-Saadawi is the main source of data in this research. Then secondary data sources include books, journal articles, or any articles related to feminist issues used to support this research.

There are several steps used to obtain data for this research. First, researchers read the primary data sources. Second, understanding the problems and resistance of women, especially the main character in the patriarchal system. Third, collecting data by underlining relevant utterances that reflect the characters' portrayal of feminist issues.

3.4 Method of Analyzing Data

The next step after data collection is how to analyze the data using descriptive analysis techniques. As stated by Ratna (2014), the descriptive analysis method is used to analyze data according to the theory used, through understanding and explanation. The following are the steps to analyze the data. First, this research begins by selecting and examining the novel's intrinsic elements in the novel "Woman at Point Zero" such as plot, point of view, theme, and character. Second, the researcher applies Tong's feminism theory to investigate extrinsic elements such as women's resistance and struggle in the novel "Woman at Point Zero". Thirdly, the result is presented in the form of a thesis about the forms of male domination and women's resistance in realizing their existence in the patriarchal system.

3.5 Method of Presenting Research Result

After the data is analyzed, the result is presented in a descriptive format. The data was analyzed in two categories: women's resistance and male dominance in the patriarchal system. By using the theories used in this research to collect and review data on feminism, the result is obtained in the form of sentences and paragraphs that explain the form of female resistance and male dominance in patriarchy. In addition, by using descriptive qualitative research, readers can more easily understand the analysis of the topics and issues discussed in this research. Creswell (2018) state that qualitative research methodologies would use words, phrases, and sentences to convey the study findings. The term "descriptive" describes how the researcher uses

paragraphs to describe the findings. In order to provide the research findings based on the theories used to the novel, the researcher employed words and sentences in paragraphs utilizing a descriptive qualitative method.