ABSTRACT

This paper describes the discourse analysis on the level of paragraph writing. Writing as one of the four basic skills plays an important role in people’s lives, as they will use the writing skill for various purposes. This skill can be used for occupational and academic purposes, and also can deal with lots of problems in writing. The goal of the study is to show the ability of the fourth semester students of “Bina Nusantara University” in writing a good paragraph based on elements required in good paragraph writing, i.e. topic sentence, unity, coherence, and adequate development as shown in Chapter 1. In Chapter 2 this paper deals with the theories related to the topic of the write up. The research method in Chapter 3 is a method called Random Sampling. The analysis includes two major discussions. First, to discuss the results in percentage tables and graphical charts. These, indicate the ability of the students based on the best score ratio, which is 5:0. Second, to take out each best and poorest paragraph to be analyzed as a comparison between a good and a poor paragraph. The results of the analysis can be seen in Chapter 4. It is concluded that some students show good ability, some fair and others poor. In Chapter 5 the writer summarizes in Indonesian.

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