THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL CLASS IN JANE AUSTEN PERSUASION

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Abstract: The purpose of this research is to reveal the impact of social class reflected in Jane Austen's *Persuasion*. The writer used the qualitative method because this research analyzed and collects data from the novel by the type of characters, the story, and the social class that occurs in the novel. In analyzing the data the writer used mimetic theory, the data were collected in the novel Persuasion by Jane Austen, the writer read the novel and identified the characters, the story that related to social class that occurs in the novel, to support this research the writer used several books, journal, and web pages. The novel tells about social class in the Victorian era, where class and status affect someone's life. Social class is a group of people that share similar status, occupation, and wealthiness. This novel tells about a couple that was separated because of the social status differences, where Captain Wentworth is a man with unstable finances, while Anne Elliot is a woman from the upperclass social status. They were separated because of the persuasion of Lady Russel which causes Sir Walter Elliot which is Anne's father to separate them. Sir Walter Elliot is a hedonist which ends him in bankruptcy. The result of the finding is that social class has an impact on human life and society. Social class differences affect many aspects ranging from lifestyle, life chances, and inequality of social status.

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INTRODUCTION

Class can refer to people's income levels; to their relationship to the means of production whether they enjoyed the profits of the process in which they were involved, or were paid a wage that did not reflect their entire contribution; to socioeconomic

standing, which includes educational level and employment type; to cultural choices; to values (Steinbach, 2016). Social class is a group of people who are common casual components of their life chances (Rorintulus et al., 2022). These components are represented by their economic condition such as their property-owning or their rates of wages. Social class is how others look at people including property, money, and wealth (Keles, Wuntu & Lolowang, 2022). There would certainly be differences in social life ranging from physical, for example, skin color, height, gender, and non-physical differences, namely religion, political beliefs, income, and education. Of course, this difference is what makes people's lives varied.

In 18th century England, the social class of society was determined by something they had such as property, position, education, and occupation (Takamuntu et al, 2022); (Makalew, et al., 2022); (Talumepa et al., 2022). Marxist critic will search out the depiction of inequities in social classes, an imbalance of goods and power among people (Pollingug & Williams, 1995). This is one of the phenomena that occurred at that time. In 18th century England, a woman's social rank would be determined by whom she would marry. Before marriage, a woman's social rank is seen from her father's caste or social status. Because the social life of a woman in the 18th century in England was seen from a husband's social status, they had to marry a man of a higher class.

The division between the middle and upper class was prominent in England social life during the Victorian era. Thus, the daily life of people in Victorian England was determined by social class and formed by the traditional ways of their life (Pratap et al., 2015); (Tungka et al., 2022). In the kingdom, the Victorian social class divisible into three classes its calls upper class, middle class, and lower class, according to the Marxist view, the conflict in each class also ended World War I. The class structure was modified and remains to this day. The upper class is an aristocratic group that is a society that holds the highest office in a social sphere, has wealth above other social classes, has political power, is knowledgeable and educated, and usually holds honorary titles such as duke, duchess, baron, baroness. The middle class is a group of people who lives are in the middle of other classes, where they can meet the needs and

desires of life every day and have a permanent job. The lower class is the group of people who have the lowest economic and social classes. Below-average incomes come from the poor and working people, most of whom have jobs as a laborer, farmers, fishermen, and governesses.

In society, social class has an impact on every aspect of life because everything refers to the grouping of individuals and the environment based on wealth, education, standing, and social networks. And the impact of social class is social inequality due to economic differences that result in differences in welfare levels, classification of social groups such as the rich and poor groups, and the emergence of criminality due to the inability to meet needs. In the field of health because of the difference in economic levels in society, the needs for access to health of each individual are different. As well as in education the quality and level of education received are influenced by the wealth factor. The higher the social class of society means having a better life.

Persuasion tells the story of the social class differences between Anne Elliot and Captain Wentworth. Anne was the daughter of Sir Walter Elliot, a baronetcy who had an ancient, distinguished lineage and owned a wealthy estate. Anne falls in love with Captain Wentworth but they cannot be married because of the lower status of Captain Wentworth. Lady Russell is a widow who has been considered a surrogate mother by Anne Elliot, persuades Anne to break the engagement relationship with Captain Wentworth. Based on the story of this novel, the writer wants to analyzed this research with the title "The Impact of Social Class in Jane Austen's Persuasion".. Social class is how others look at people including property, money, and wealth. There would certainly be differences in social life ranging from physical, for example, skin color, height, gender, and non-physical differences, namely religion, political beliefs, income, and education. Of course, this difference is what makes people's lives varied.

RESEARCH METHOD

To analyze this research, the writer used the qualitative method to find out and conducting data collectors in the novel *Persuasion* by Jane Austen, Qualitative methods such as interviews and observations of participants can significantly improve theories or

topics that have mainly been studied through the lens of positivist paradigms or quantitative experiments, surveys, or self-reports (Barada, 2013). The reason why the writer used qualitative method because in this research it is not focused on numbers and does not use statistical methods but the author analyzed and collects data from the type of characters, the story, and the social issues in the novel. Qualitative methods are precise and useful for achieving various research goals — either by the author or to adding and complementing other research methods.

To collecting the data. First the writer reading the novel and understand the character and the story of the novel, second the writer identify what are the social class and what is the impact in character on the novel, and third the writer write down all of the analysis of the novel on the paper. Primary and secondary data include the sentences, dialog from character, and the story line that represent the topic of the social class that can be found in the novel *Persuasion* by Jane Austen. To maximize the primary data, the writer used the secondary data from library study, and the writer got information from used article, certain books, and source from internet to get the data. This research focus on the social class in the novel.

The author uses a mimetic approach to analyzed the data. Mimetic approach is an approach to literary studies that related to reality or representation about human life that occurs in literary works with social circumstances. In the novel *Persuasion* depicts the social life that occurs in a group that has an impact in various aspects of the character's life. Mimetic criticism views the literary work as an imitation, or reflection, or representation of the world and human life, and the primary criterion applied to a work is the "truth" of its representation to the subject matter that it represents, or should represent. This mode of criticism, which first appeared in Plato and (in a qualified way) in Aristotle, remains characteristic of modern theories of literary real-ism (Norton et al., 1957). Mimetic theory was forward by Plato in which he saw a literary work made from an imitation or interpret that reflected the social or life conditions observed by the author or creator of the literary work itself. Jane Austen as a great novelist, wrote novels according to the social situation or conditions of the Victorian

period, where the novels written reflected or interpreted the social environment in which she were lived.

Literary works are parts of art that have an impact on the emotions of human beings interested in the work itself. Pleasure, satisfaction, and experience make literary works part of social life, society, and beyond. Literary works are not only to be read and enjoyed, but can also be criticized by someone who read or watch the literary work. A person who evaluated how literary works are interconnected with the social conditions conveyed by the author is called literary criticsm, by criticizing a literary work people can know the strengths and weaknesses or even the essence that exists in the work whether it has a relationship with reality that occurs in social life, culture, or other phenomena that occur in the author's life. In the novel *Persuasion* by Jane Austen the author uses a mimetic approach to analyze the impact of social classes that happen in the novel.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

According to Marxists, differences in social class relations in society come from the mode of production of society. Marx gives a concept of injustice in social classes, the power of the bourgeoisie has given an impact on everything that is done. The imbalance among the people presents a class conflict in which the bourgeoisie will always have an advantage over the proletarians (Pollingug & Williams, 1995) Wealth and power are the main factors determining the social class of individuals. Because of the differences in social class in society, the life and environment of individuals are very different, lifestyle, life chances, and inequality of social status are the impacts that would be perceived and cannot be denied by society

The Life of the Upper Class

Class was not the only salient feature in economic or social organization in Victorian Britain. People understood themselves as parts of groups other than their class (Steinbach, 2016). There are very many professions and financial differences that make the needs of life and the demands of life different. This difference is a

phenomenon in people's lives so that it has an impact in various aspects, such as income, economic, status, education, health, and power. Differences in social classes result in inequality of economic levels in society, so that people with a higher economic level would get opportunities and a better life than people with lower economic levels. A person or group that has a social status and wealth more that others people would be inevitably have different chances and desires. A person who exists in a higher social status has a standard of life that affects their way of thinking and how their nature is in the social environment of society.

1. Hedonism

Hedonism is a lifestyle that places personal pleasure above all else. A hedonist makes all his life a place for the pursuit of pleasure (Valufi & Astuti, 2020). The social condition about hedonism in this novel begins with the Elliot family where Sir Walter Elliot is the opening character of the story the novel begins. Sir Walter Elliot was a man who was in the Aristocrats where he had a title and wealth that made Sir Walter Elliot's character arrogant and crazy about money.

"Walter Elliot, born March 1, 1760, married, July 15, 1784, Elizabeth, daughter of James Stevenson, Esq. of South park, in the county of Gloucester, by which lady (who died 1800) he has issue Elizabeth, born June 1, 1785; Anne, born August 9, 1787; a still-born son, November 5, 1789: Mary, born November 20, 1971." (Austen, 2019:7-8)

Sir Walter Elliot live with his two daughter Elisabeth and Anne, while the youngest daughter Mary, lived with her husband Charlest Musgrove with their two children. Sir Walter live in a aristocrats of Kellynch Hall in Somersetshire, by living a very luxurious lifestyle every day. He often uses his money for things or buys things that don't suit his needs just to satisfy his desires.

"Vanity was the beginning and the end of Sir Walter Elliot's characters; vanity of person and vanity of situation" (Austen, 2019:8)

The hedonist nature made Sir Walter a selfish and individualist person so that he always attached importance to himself regardless of the situation and conditions around him. Sir Walter was very arrogant with what wealth he had and thought that a lavish lifestyle was a pride about him. Because he feels that he is better than others, he always judges something from what others have.

2. Materialism

The economic conditions underlying the society are called material circumstances, and the ideological atmosphere they generate is known as the historical situation (Pollingug & Williams, 1995). Materialist person has the view that acquired property is the purpose of life. Economic conditions are the determinants of a person in a social class so that everyone strives to have wealth to support their quality of life. Sir Walter Elliot always judged something by the material thing that a person had. In fact, he can look down on someone because he has no property.

"His good looks and his ranks had one fair claims on his attachment; since to them he must have owed a wife of very superior character to anything deserve by his own" (Austen, 2019:9)

Because his materialist nature made him judge something through material things that a person had, even to find a companion for his life, Sir Walter chose a woman who could balance himself in any aspect. So he chose Lady Elliot as his wife. Mr. William Elliot is a handsome widower, he has the privilege of being educated, very pleasant, and having wealth. Mr. William pursued Anne even though Anne was not very interested in him. As time goes by Anne began to be attracted to Mr. William, so her attempts to forget Captain Wentworth becomes easier. But Anne still has doubts for having a more serious relationship with William. She still thingking about her first love with Captain Wentworth.

Mr Smith say to Anne: "Mr. Elliot is a man without a heart or conscience; a designing, wary, cold-blooded being, who thinks only of himself; who; for his own interest or ease, would be guilty of any cruelty, or any

treachery, that would be perpetrated without of his general character. He has no feeling of others" (Austen, 2019:259)

Because Mr. William Elliot knew that he had everything that could make it easier to achieve his goals, he became an astute person and always thought of himself even to find a replacement for his wife who passed away, the thing in his mind was money and the throne. So with a statement from Mr. smith, Anne stand off from William. Captain Wentworth and Anne Elliot are in a similar situation where they think that each other would be engaged with someone else. They met in a place and at that time Captain Wentworth would be depart. But Anne finds a letter written by Captain Wentworth.

The Impact of the Upper Class Lifestyle

A person who has excessive pride or admiration for achievements or thrones is the lifestyle of the people from the upperclass. Privilege and prestige are inherent in the lives of aristocrats to show their social status. A hedonistic and materialist lifestyle has an impact in a people activity in life, someone would become arrogant, selfish and want to be the center of attention. They always feel what he thinks, are the best for everyone.

1. Bankcrupty

A luxurious lifestyle and having a lot of money makes the upperclass sometimes use their money to buy something that is not really importangt or just for their enjoyment, without managing and knowing how much money they used so that the expenditure is more than the income they have. As a result, there is waste and sometimes leaves them with debts.

"While Lady Elliot lived, there had been method, moderation, and economy, which had just kept him within his income; but with her had died all such right-mindedness, and from that period he had been constantly exceeding it. It had not been possible for him to spend less; he had done nothing but what Sir Walter Elliot was imperiously called on

to do; but blameless as he was, he was not only growing dreadfully in debt, but was hearing of it so often, that it became vain to attempt concealing it longer, even partially, from his daughter." (Austen, 2019:15)

The Elliot family is an Upper-Class family and has a higher social status, but the situation of this family is different since Lady Elliot, a wife and mother of this family died. Since the death of Lady Elliot, no one has managed their finances and expenses well. However the lifestyle of Sir Walter and his daughter is still the same as before, As the head of the family Sir Walter took his family to having difficulties in finances because of the lifestyle that was lived. He and his daughter Elisabeth still continue to live in luxury without managing finances so they have a lot of debts and are in danger of bankruptcy.

"Their two confidential friends, Mr Shepherd, who live in the neighbouring market town, and Lady Russel, were called to advise them: and both father and daughter seemed to expect that something should be struct out by one or the other to remove their embarrassment and reduce their expenditure, without involving the loss of any indulgence of taste or pride"(Austen, 2019:16)

In the quote above Sir Walter called Mr Shepherd and Lady Russel to give advise for them, to be having financial difficulties because of extravagance conditions on their own, so Lady Russel advised Sir Walter to rent out their mansion and move to another comfortable place without depriving them of their pleasure and pride as aristocrats. The purpose of renting out houses so that they have income and reduce waste so that the wealth they have is not exhausted for nothing or suffer bankrupty.

2. Unsympathetic

Social status can have an impact a person's nature and behavior in carrying out their life every day. Social class differences are fundamental things that make a person have different views and principles in life. Hedonists and materialists are examples of an upperclass lifestyle that makes a person judge something through money, pride, or material things they have, so that they would feel themselves is higher than others and be unsympathetic to the situation around them.

Sir Walter Elliot: "A sailor grows old sooner than any other man. He observed ot all life. A man is in greater danger in the navy of being insulted by the rise of one whose father. His father might have disdained to speak to, and of becoming prematurely an object of disgust himself, than in any other" (Austen, 2019: 28)

While in financial difficulties due to a luxurious lifestyle by Sir Walter Elliot, Mr. Shepherd offered to Sir Walter that there were rich naval who would rent their house but Sir Walter did not want the house he lived in to be rented by the naval family, Sir Walter took the social status of a person, so he was sure that they would not pay the expensive rent. Because of the seduction from Mr. Shepherd and also Anne, that one's profession was not the benchmark for renting house, finally Sir Walter agreed to their house in Kellynch Hall being rented by the naval family.

Unsympathetic characters towards others and selfishness is also shared by the youngest daughter of the Elliot family, Mary Musgrove. She is the wife of Charlest Musgrove who has a selfish nature and wants to be treated as a princess because Elliot pride she have. Mary often acted casually and sometimes made others have to follow her even though there had to be something sacrificed. As a mother Mary was very bad at taking care of her child when her child was ill, she prefered to go to parties to meet with the nobles and told Anne to stay to take care of her child who was not in a good situasion.

"I mean to go with you, Charles, for I am of no more use at home than you are. If I were to shut myself up for ever with this child, I shpuld not be able to persuade him to do anything he did not like, Anne will stay; Anne undertakes to stay at home and take care of him, it is Anne proposal, and so I shall go with you, which will be a great deal better, for I bhave not dined at the other house since Tuesday." (Austen, 2019:76)

The Life of the Middle Class

Marx and Engels are using a very old definition of the middle class as residing between the aristocracy and serfs and workers (Holt, 2014). A person can be said to be in the middle class if he has a high job and income even their job prospects can change their social status so that not only fulfilling their daily needs but getting what they want, the middle class lifestyle tends to be ambitious to achieve their goals, the middle class job status is higher than the lower class or working class, in fact they dressed nicely for work.

1. Simplicity

Simplicity is one of the principles of life that makes a person able to control himself not to overdo it in something beyond his ability. Living in simplicity makes us find happiness from the little thing. Different with the Elliot's family who had a luxurious life, have a great house in Uppercroos, aricstocrat and lacked harmony in the family, in the *Persuasion* novel there are families who live in simplicity but they enjoy it without fear of losing the wealth they have, but kinship comes first in the Musgrove family.

"The father and mother were in the old English style, and the young people in the new. Mr and Mrs Musgrove were a very good sort of people; friendly and hospitable, not much educated and not at all elegant" (Austen, 2019:54)

The lifestyle of the Musgrove family is inversely proportional to the Elliot Family, the Musgrove family is a very humble and simple family, they create a very comfortable home atmosphere even though they do not live in a very luxurious place but happiness is always created in their live, clothes and luxury things are not the highest point for a person to achieve happiness, but simplicity makes us more grateful for what we have today.

2. Hard Workers

To be successful, of course, people must try and do various ways so that the same can be achieved in accordance with the effort that their doing, energy and time sacrificed to achieve these goals. No result is obtained without going through hard

work. The lifestyle of the middle class to maintain and even change their income to be more than before makes them have a life principle not to be lazy and have to work hard to achieve something they want. In the novel Persuasion the character of Captain Wentworth reflects a man who is hardworking and has life principles to advance.

"Captain Wentworth had no fortune. He had been lucky in his profession, he was confident that he should soon be rich: full of life and ardour, he knew that he should soon have a ship, and soon be on a station that would lead to everything he wanted" (Austen, 2019:37-38)

The worker puts his life into the object, and his life then belongs no longer to himself but to the object, the greater his activity, therefore, the less his posseses (Grusky, 2019). Captain Wentworth with her profession as a navy continued her life and work. Captain Wentworth firmly believes that one day he would be success with his profession as navy. He carried out his work diligently to prove that someone from the middle class if he had the passion to change circumstances of life would achieve a success.

"He had always been lucky: he knew he should be so still. Such confidence, powerful in its own warmth, and be witching in the wit which often expresses it" (Austen, 2019:38)

Over time, Captain Wentworth became a successful navy, he was famous for his persistence in work and at that time Captain Wentworth earned a fortune from his own efforts. The achievement of the results of his efforts and hard work made Wentworth enjoy success because he did it all because of one goal to prove that he was capable and his work as a navy would lift his degree.

The Impact of the Middle Class

Sir Walter Elliot's wanted the best for his daughters, and he kept the good name of his family, that he wanted his daughter to marry a man from the same social status and have a great job, in contrast to Elizabeth who always followed her father although herself also doubted whether there was still a man of baronet blood who would marry

her, Anne broke off her engagement because of the persuasion of her father and Lady Russel. At the age 19 Anne is still labile and can be affected.

Separated

In a relationship, separation means that you're taking a break, which may lead to a reconciliation or to a full-on breakup (Glass, 2022). There are many reasons that make a couple separate from the relationship they are in, factors from oneself, others and differences in social class of one can be the trigger for the separation of a relationship. Relationships that are separated due to circumstances make the couple in a state of indecision where feelings and situations force them not to continue the relationship for various reasons. This has an impact on their live, and may be able to change the lives of both couples.

"He was, at the time, a remarkably fine young man, with a great deal of intelligence, spirit, and brilliancy; and Anne an extremely pretty girl, with gentleness, modesty, taste, and feeling. Half the sum of attraction, on either side, might have been enough, for he had nothing to do, and she had hardly anybody to love; but the encounter of such lavish recommendation could not fail" (Austen, 2019: 36).

The division of social status in social life in England is very influential in the daily life of people in the Victorian Era, the way of life is determined by social classes, especially women in the Victorian Era who live and depended on family status or whom they married (Pratap et al., 2015). Anne Elliot and Captain Wentworth were previously two very harmonious lovers and loved each other, their relationship was fine before they decided to move on to a more serious relationship. In the novel persuasion it is very clear that there is such an inequality of social status between Captain Wentworth and Anne Elliot relationships is fails.

" Sir Walter, on being applied to, without actually withholding his consent, or saying it should never be, gave it all the silence, and proffesed resolution of doing nothing for his daughter. He thought it a

very degrading alliance: and Lady Russel, though with more tempered and pardonable pride, received it as most unfortunate one" (Austen, 2019:37)

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"But Lady Russel, whom seem had always loved and relied, could not, with such steadiness of opinion, and such tenderness of manners, be continually advising her in vain. She was persuaded to believe the engagement a wrong thing: indiscreet, improper, hardly capable of success, and not deserving". (Austen, 2019:38)

The separation of relationships is not the will of both partners but for various reasons, and this has a huge impact on mental health and one would be experience traumatic to start a new relationship with the other person. After separated Anne Elliot and Captain Wentworth were not in a relationship with a new person for 8 years, because the heartache felt greatly changed their respective personal lives.

The Impact of Social Class towards Women's Life

The implied that women as the members of the class were demanded to attend a certain club as an endeavor to assert their status. he presence of women in clubs could be as an individual of the upper class or as a companion of the husband (Maru, 2014). Inequality of social status can also have an impact in marriage relationships based on class differences, because in Victorian era marriage can have an impact a person's status, the status of a woman before marriage depends of her father, after marriage a woman status depends of her husband's. In the novel persuasion it is very clear that there is such an inequality of social status between Captain Wentworth and

Anne Elliot relationships is fails. Although a few years later they were able to get married it was because Captain Wentworth was able to change his social class, so that Wentworth could convince Elliot's family that he could marry and compensate Anne Elliot status.

Women's social status is viewed based on their families or husbands. Marriage in the Victorian Era was very important for women. Women who come from Upperclass must marry men who are in the same social class. Because women are not given the opportunity to work and have the same education as men. So the chances of life that women get are very low.

"Elizabeth did not quite equal her father in personal contentment. Thirteen years hand seen her mistress of Kellynch Hall, presiding and directing with a self-possesiom and dicisiom whicj could never have given the idea of her being younger than she was." (Austen, 2019:12)

From the quotes about Elizabeth, states that as a woman who is from Upperclass social status must marry a man of baronet blood, even though Elizabeth is aware that her age is not young for unmarried woman, but because of the demands of her father and the social status she has as the Upperclass, so she does not get life chances like women in general.

Persuasion novel describes the story of women living in the Victorian era where women lived under male domination. Gender greatly affects a person's identity and behavior, so that the life choices of women are often intimidated and even governed by patriarchy. Anne had a difficult time as a woman in the Victorian era because she could not feel the freedom to choose her own path in life.

" Anne Elliot, with all her claims of birth, beauty, and mind, to throw herself at nineteen; involve herself at nineteen in an engagement with a young man, who had nothing but himself recommend him, and no hopes of attaining affluence, but in the chances of a most uncertain profession, and no connexions to secure evn his farther rise in the

profession, would be, indeed, a throwing away, which she grieved to think of!" (Austen, 2019:37)

The inequality of women's social status have an impact in women's thinking and lifestyle or for choosing parter in life. In Victorian era status on women depends on the man to be married. A woman's thinking that getting married would be affect her lifestyle, wealth, and position develops from the environment in which she comes from. Men's social class would be affect women's lives, where women who come from higher social status must marry men who had a ideal type and who have the same social status. Anne Elliot is one of the women who experienced the inequality of social status where she had to canceled the engagement to marry a man she liked the most because of differences in social status, women had to uphold man in any case and women's positions had to be below men's social status.

CONCLUSION

Based on the findings of the research, the social class have an impact in the human life and society. In the novel *Persuasion by Jane Austen*, the writer analyzes the condition of social classes and what impact that happen in characters. Anne Elliot as the main character in the novel experiences many social class impacts in her life even though she is a woman who was born into upper class social status. Her life as the daughter of a baronetchy made her unable to marry a man with a job as a navy, Anne got persuasion from Lady Russel that a job as a navy was incapable of fulfilling her life. After a few years Captain Wenworth was successful with his job as a navy, he had a fortune and was able to change his social status, so that he could marry Anne Elliot.

This novel tells about the social situation that existed in the Victorian Era, where social class, wealth, power, power, status have an impact on a person's life to get an education, work, rights, and also marriage. Everyone strives to change the social status of the lower class into the upper class to be valued and be regarded, as well as the upper class which must maintain they wealth and power.

Finally, the impact of social class become of differences in social status, that cause a person not to get the same opportunity to get the thing they want, it takes sacrifice, hard work, and determination to get the desire result. Social class is very impactful in a person's life and a person's character, everything can change over time, perhaps who is in the lower social class can change their social class with they perseverance.

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