CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background.

Education is a learning process that we are doing in the school, as educational institutions. Education is all influences that are strived to have perfect cognitive and mental abilities and are useful for them to go into society to build social relationships and assume their responsibilities as individuals and as social beings. Education takes an important role in creating human resources, in other words with high quality of human resources enables people to solve their problems. Slamet stated that the purpose of education as process to change human behavior. The things that we hope change such as: Knowing Behavior, Feeling Behavior, Doing Behavior[1].

The situation in 2020 suddenly changed because of the Pandemic Covid-19. It started in March, the Virus spreads so fast especially in Indonesia, to anticipate the virus spreads widely all of the government system especially education units in Indonesia implemented Work from Home or Home Study. So, all of the activities that happened in the classroom changed into Online learning or we can say distance learning. The student and the teacher must adapt to this situation because there are several items that we have to fit with distance learning such as how the teacher delivers the material, the platform that they use, and many more.

The learning process must go on. The most important factor to the unsure quality of education is the teacher. The teacher is the executor in front of the class, because of that, the teacher is one of the factors in the success of education. The success of education is determined by readiness from the teacher which is prepared their student in the learning process. The learning process that implemented right now in this pandemic is Distance Learning so the school do the learning process, so the teacher and students separate in learning or especially at English Subject. Here the statement from expert stated his opinion about the definition of Distance Learning.

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[1] Nurani Soyomukti, *Teori-Teori Pendidikan*, Yogyakarta: Arruz Media, 2016), p.5.

Honeyman and Miller stated that Distance Learning is a field of education that focuses on teaching methods and technology to deliver teaching, often on an individual basis, to students who are not physically present in a traditional educational setting such as a classroom. It has been described as "a process to create and provide access to learning when the source of information and the learners are separated by time and distance, or both.[2] Also, in distance learning people use media in the learning process.

Media plays an important role in Distance Learning because, without media, the learning process in Distance Learning cannot go well. After all, media make us connected or communicate even via text or video call in the learning process. Teacher and students also have their perception or opinion in using WhatsApp as learning media, especially in English subjects.

The problem that student faced right now is student cannot adapt to Distance Learning started from the method, the network that they used, their comprehension of the material, also the application did not suitable with their phone, a lot of assignment, and also the media that students used in Distance Learning. In SMAN 2 Parepare especially at X grade, students use WhatsApp as media in the learning process especially English Subject. Also, the media that students and teacher use in distance learning at X grade SMAN 2 Parepare is WhatsApp, but at the same time WhatsApp is only communication application, that is not learning media but in there, they used it for the learning process especially in distance learning.

Based on problem above the researcher want to know teachers and students' perception, is this WhatsApp as a media in English subject effective to use in the learning process at X grade at SMAN 2 Parepare,

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[2] Bušelić, M. *Distance Learning–concepts and contributions*. (Oeconomica Jadertina, 2(1), 2012), p.23-34.

B. Research Question.

Based on background of the study stated above, the research questions are:

1. What is the teacher perception in using WhatsApp as Media in English Subject of Distance Learning at X grade SMAN 2 Parepare?

2. What is the students' perception in using as Media in English Subject of Distance Learning at X grade SMAN 2 Parepare?

3. What are the advantages and disadvantages in using WhatsApp as media in English Subject of Distance Learning at X grade SMAN 2 Parepare?

C. Objective of Research.

1. To describe the teacher perception in using WhatsApp as Media in English Subject of Distance Learning at X grade SMAN 2 Parepare.

2. To describe the students' perception in using as Media in English Subject of Distance Learning at X grade SMAN 2 Parepare.

3. To describe the advantages and disadvantages in using WhatsApp as media in English Subject of Distance Learning at X grade SMAN 2 Parepare

D. Significance of the Research.

The researcher wish that the result of this research may be used by another researcher, the educational institutions, students, or teacher by following purposes:

1. For the researcher, to get more knowledge and references about Distance Learning.

2. For the teacher, it can be as their references in evaluating the learning process

3. For the next researcher, the result of this research can be as their references in his/her research.

4. For the students, the result of this research may help them to adapt with the distance learning.

5. For English Education Department, the result of this research will be an input of English Material.