LIKE OR DISLIKE OF WRITING THESIS

Thesis is a form of final assignment that must be completed by the students before they end their study in the university as one of requirement for S1 degree. In writing thesis, usually the students will experience many benefits and obstructions. The benefits which are useful in student’s life and the obstructions make students unwilling to start thinking of and writing their thesis.

Population of this research are the students of English Department in Muhammadiyah University of Malang in academic year 2001/2002 or they are now the eight semester’s students who are doing thesis writing. There are 250 students. The researcher takes 50 students (20 percent of eight semester population). The instruments to collect the data are an open-ended questionnaire, close-ended questionnaire and interview.

The result of this research shows that 60% of students feel indifferent to write thesis. They also face some obstructions during writing their own thesis. Those are: In expressing ideas and expressing argument. Sometimes advisor gives suggestions but sometimes ends up without suggestions and corrections. They feel frustrated that the thesis will be not finished. Consultation schedule sometimes work, sometimes not. The data sometimes are easy to collect and analyse, but sometimes difficult to collect and analyse and in thesis examination students feel afraid that they cannot maintain contents of thesis.

Students expect other alternatives of final assignment offered by the university, so that the students get freedom to do their own final assignment based on the level of ability and interest.