Literature is human’s expression. Literary work is a result of human being thinking which tells about life that deals with feeling, ideas, experience, ambition, imagination and problem. Novel is one of literary work. Novel is a book-length in prose, whose author tries to create the sense of actual life. Through reading novel, the readers can get enlargement of experience and a life interpretation. On the other hand, investigating novel gives the readers better understanding on many things to be investigated specifically. In this thesis, the writer focuses on the divorce of Lillian Roth, the main character in the novel “I’ll Cry Tomorrow”.

The research design which is used in this thesis is descriptive qualitative. Descriptive research studies are designed to obtain information concerning with the status of phenomena. Qualitative means that the researcher observes persons or events in their natural setting. This thesis only described or interpreted condition or situation. The writer used objective approach in doing the analysis because the writer views the novel to be an individual entity, reading and understanding anything that existing on the page in researcher own right, without necessary studying the author’s life or the age in which it is written or its possible effect on its reader.

This research deals with two problems: what the causes of Lillian Roth’s divorce are, and what the effects of Lillian Roth’s divorce on her life are. The objectives of this study are: to know the causes of Lillian Roth’s divorce and to know the effects of Lillian Roth’s divorce. As a result, this analysis showed that there are social and personal causes of Lillian Roth’s divorce. The personal causes are: poorly prepare for married, children of divorce or unhappy parents, childless marriage, couple who cannot tolerate differences, and poor quality of sexual relationship. The social cause of Lillian Roth divorce is changes in gender roles, especially the participation of woman in labor force. Moreover, this thesis also showed that there are personal and social effects toward Lillian Roth’s life. The personal effects of divorce to Lillian are psychological difficulties such as; depression, alcoholism and loneliness, besides, she got financial hardship. The social effects are: altered family structure and social dislocation.