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(D)o the best and let God do the rest.
(A) goal without any plan is only a wish.

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ABSTRACT

The objectives of this study were to find out whether or not: (1) there was a significant correlation between personality types and English mastery, (2) there was a significant correlation between extrovert personality and English mastery, and (3) there was a significant correlation between introvert personality and English mastery. The sample of this study was 68 of the first semester students of Indonesian Education Study Program of Sriwijaya University in academic year of 2018/2019 chosen by using total sampling technique. In this case, the writer collected the data by using questionnaire and documentation. The data were analyzed using Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient and Simple Linear Regression in SPSS version 25. The result of Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient showed that: (1) there was a significant correlation between personality types and English mastery because ρ -value (0.002) was lower than (0.05) with 11.8% contribution of students' personality types to their English mastery, (2) there was no significant correlation between extrovert personality and English mastery because ρ -value (0.210) was higher than (0.05), and (3) there was a significant correlation between introvert personality and English mastery because pvalue (0.007) was lower than (0.05) with 42.9% contribution of introvert personality to English mastery.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents (1) background, (2) problems of the study, (3) objectives of the study, and (4) significance of the study.

1.1 Background

In this globalization era, English is a crucial part and becomes a tool of communication around the world. Harmer (2007, p.20) says "English is used as a lingua franca – that is between two people who do not share the same language and for whom English is not their mother tongue." In other words, English attracts people all over the world who do not use English as their first language to learn it. Everyone becomes interested in English, because it can help them to communicate with people from different countries or foreigners. English is a compulsory subject for secondary school up to university levels in Indonesia. It is in line with Permendikbud (2013) which emphasizes that in the 2013 curriculum, English is listed in group A of the obligatory subject for junior and senior high school students. It has been taught from elementary school until university level. The students are hoped to master four English language skills, i.e. listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

In order to teach English successfully, the teacher needs to know that every student is different and tries to understand the differences. Brown (2000) states that understanding how human beings feel, respond and believe and value is an exceedingly important aspect of language learning. The acquisition of language learning is a process that can be affected by several factors, such as cognitive and affective factors which contribute to the process of success in second language acquisition. Richards and Schmidt (2010) define that general intelligence, memory, language aptitude, and the ability to evaluate and analyze are the cognitive factors that may affect language learning. These factors are contrasted with affective factors. The afffective factor is more emotional in nature, including personality, empathy, motivation, language attitudes, and anxiety.

Personality is one of the keys to success in teaching and learning English. According to Funder (2007), personality refers to an individual's characteristic patterns of thought, emotion, and behavior, together with the psychological mechanisms, hidden or not, behind

those patterns. Individual difference factor such as personality can be used to explain not only distinction in academic achievement but also the processes by which personality affects learning outcomes. Gass and Selinker (2008) define that personality factors may influence the degree of success that individuals achieve in learning a language. There are eight affective factors in terms of personality in human behavior that may influence the students in learning English like self-esteem, attribution theory and self-efficacy, willingness to communicate, inhibition, risk-taking, anxiety, empathy, and extroversion-introversion. One of the crucial personality factors that the teacher has to know is extroversion-introversion. These two personality factors influence the student's English mastery (Brown, 2007).

In this study, the writer chose personality type that consists of extrovert and introvert. Extrovert is a lively and confident person who enjoys being with other people. Conversely, an introvert is a quiet person who is more interested in their own thoughts and feelings than in spending time with other people (Hornby, 2015). Most people tend to think that an extrovert as a gregarious and active person. Thus, it is somehow felt by many English teachers that a student with an outgoing personality is more likely to be successful learner in language acquisition than less active students because the extroverts will create more situations to engage themselves in conversation of the language target. The opportunities to speak the new language will positively influence the development of the student's mastery in English. (Kezwer, 1987).

It is in line with Lightbown and Spada (2006) who state that an extrovert person is succeed and well suited to language learning. Extroverts are considered to have a positive effect on the development of second language skills because an extrovert has a high possibility to do an interaction with other individuals. Otherwise, Fillmore (1979) found that in certain situations, the quiet observant learner may have greater success. As well as Brown (1973), he explicates his doubts about the "cult of extroversion" in Western society which is considered as a positive trait in his culture; but it may be less so for others, for example in Oriental society. As many students are reserved, whether for cultural or individual reasons. He felt that it was not wise to test mastery solely on the basis of oral skills because a better picture of language facility also built up using listening and reading comprehension, as well as structure and writing. This would give the less active students more opportunities to show their English abilities, in more comfortable way.

The test should be applied in order to know and measure how much a student has learned a language and give apn opportunity to prove their mastery in English. According to Richards and Schmidt (2010), the test is not related to a particular teaching course, but measures the general level of the student's language mastery. TOEFL test is one of the tests that has been standardized for worldwide used to measure the English mastery of international students. Sriwijaya University applies a policy for all the first semester students including FKIP to take the TOEFL-like Test. As a follow up to this policy and in order to make Sriwijaya University as a world class university, based on the decree number 042 / H9 / DT.Kep / 2009, Sriwijaya University requires all students to have the minimum English mastery when they will take a thesis exam at the end of their studies. It can be measured by the TOEFL-like Test held by the Sriwijaya University Language Institute (Unsri, 2009). The mean scores of English mastery of Indonesian Education Study Program students last two years can be seen in the table below:

Table 1
The Mean TOEFL-like Test Scores

No	Year	Mean
1.	2016	382.49
2.	2017	390.16

Source: Sriwijaya University Language Institute

From the table 1 above, English mastery of Indonesian Education Study Program of Sriwijaya University is still low. It is proven by the data from Sriwijaya University Language Institute and shown that students' English mastery need to be improved. The mean score is still below the required standard target. The students of Indonesian Education Study Program must have 400 as a minimal TOEFL-like test score for completing their study. Moreover, at this level is categorized as elementary level which the students only have very limited English skills. Based on the explanation above, the writer is interested in conducting a study entitled, "The Correlation between the Personality Types and English Mastery of the first semester Students of Indonesian Education Study Program of Sriwijaya University."

1.2 The Problems of the Study

The problems of this study were formulated in the following question:

- Was there any significant correlation between personality types and English mastery of the first semester students of Indonesian Education Study Program of Sriwijaya University?
- Was there any significant correlation between extrovert personality and English mastery of the first semester students of Indonesian Education Study Program of Sriwijaya University?
- Was there any significant correlation between introvert personality and English mastery of the first semester students of Indonesian Education Study Program of Sriwijaya University?

1.3 The Objectives of the Study

Based on the problems above, the objectives of this study were to find out:

- Whether or not there was a significant correlation between personality types and English mastery of the the first semester students of Indonesian Education Study Program of Sriwijaya University.
- Whether or not there was a significant correlation between extrovert personality and English mastery of the first semester students of Indonesian Education Study Program of Sriwijaya University.
- Whether or not there was a significant correlation between introvert personality and English mastery of the first semester students of Indonesian Education Study Program of Sriwijaya University.

1.4 The Significance of the Study

It is expected that this study would be beneficial for the following parties. First, students hopefully realize that learning English is important because if they can master English, it will be easy for them to communicate with people around the world and they can be considered when they apply for a job and there are many other benefits for them if they can master English since it is a means of communication around the world. Second, the students know their own personality and also can explore and improve their English

skills. Third, English teachers and lecturers are aware of the importance of understanding the students' personality in the process of teaching and learning language, so the teachers or the lecturers could give more attention and motivation to the students in order to improve the students' English mastery. Finally, future writer or researcher can use this study as a reference for further study related to personality types and English mastery.

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