

**The Moral Value Analysis As Reflected in Novel  
“ Akeelah And The Bee”**

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**ABSTRACT**

In this study, the writer chose the “*Akeelah and the Bee*” novel to be analyzed the important of moral values as a part of our life. For that reason the writer wants to investigate and doing research in the library. The formulation of problem in this research is “ What are the moral values as reflected in the novel “ *Akeelah and the Bee*”. The methodology of this study is qualitative study. it is means that it does not need statistic approach to explore the material. The primary data is scrip from the movie “*Akeelah and the Bee*”. The secondary data is taken from many literary books and some relevant materials to support and complete the primary data sources. The result of this study is there are some moral values in the “*Akeelah and the Bee*” novel. They are love and affection, sacrifice, sorry and Apologize, optimism, honesty, kind and friendly, hardworker, ambition, not easily to surrender, firm, serious and discipline, and helper.

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**INTRODUCTION**

Humans live certainly has different purpose and different abilities. But every people need of education because education is the key factor for every human. Education is the primary and especially in this present life. With the education individuals hopes for progress and development. Through education of people hope that all of the talent, and abilities that could have develop its full potential, so that people can be independent in the process of building a personality (Kartono, 1992).

Novel, whatever its form, is a part of literature. Then literature it self, according to Sumardjo and Saini which is cited by (Andriani, 2006) in her thesis, is human individual expression consisting experience, consideration, feeling, idea, spirit, and conviction in form of concrete description that arouse attraction by using language. By this definition, we can easily say that literature is our way to express what we have ever experienced through our language in the goal of bewaring our environment ( can be our listeners and readers literature) about the experienced and hoping them attracted

with our words. Although literature can be expressed through both spoken and written form, this thesis will focus on written form of it because this is aimed to take the moral value of the written work, that is a novel titled “*Akeelah and the Bee*” written by James W. Ellison.

From what have been said above, it seems to be that literature contains something that would be communicated by the author to the reader or something that would be the message from the author sent to the reader, then in this thesis, the message would be called as the moral value of the novel. Because of this reason, the writer then decides that there is communication between the authors of the literary work, but in this thesis it is restricted in a novel, and the reader, because communication itself, according to Alo Liliweri, is activity of sending and accepting message. (Alo Liliweri, 2003:06). Literature is as a source of information, knowledge, news and show the truth. Literature is divided into two kind, classical literature and modern literature. Classical is also called regional literature uses cultural based on the time, oral literature was lost and can't be detected easy. (Ratna, 2005: 3-15).

Novel is medium of education that can demonstrate to the human. So people with such a device would be easier to accept education. Novel is also one of the tools used to deliver the event. Reader can response to a different novel. Using this novel we can educate about moral value. In the novel *Akeelah and the Bee*, by Doug Atchison, we can take the intrinsic factor from this movie like moral value. *Akeelah and the Bee* novel is one novel that contains a lot of educational value for reader. This novel gives us message as hardwork, love, honest, and ect. So it can be motivation for reader.

The object of this research is analysis “Moral Value” in novel. The writer chose the “*Akeelah and the Bee*” novel, in this novel is chosen to be analyzed the important of moral values as a part our life. Moral is that a person's behavior is pushed by a conscious desire to perform act is good or bad. So it is a moral act or communication someone in their interaction with human.

Novel without a moral value, not including novel educational. The novel has a moral value not only provide knowledge or add insight in reading but also can motivate readers. Now, many people are less interested in reading the novel. Because according to them read novels very boring. Here, the researchers wanted to give a bit of the view that it was very fun to read novels and increase knowledge, for example in the novel *Akeelah and the Bee* by James W. Ellison tells the story of a 11 years old girl who wants to follow the spelling bee for the national level. That is the main reason why the writer interested in analyzing this

## LITERATURE REVIEW

### Previous of Study

The research is library research, so the writer concerns the moral values of *Akeelah and the Bee* novel, through library analysis. Among other literary of moral values are done by Agus Najib “ The Educational Values of Adam’s Story in the Holy Qur’an”. He finds moral values of the Adam’s story striving and hard work, lovingness, kindness, tolerance and forgiveness, patience and thankfulness, responsibility and keeping commitment and brave heart, and that values are implication for human life (Najib, 2007).

The writer also sees graduating paper from Imas Suraida Entitled “ The Analysis of Moral Values of Deasylawaty Prasetyaningtyas” Novel *Hades Sang Autis*”. She found some moral values as message from the author. Deasylawaty Prasetyaningtyas consist of love and belonging, respect, friendly and be polite, positive thinking, hard work, gentle, patient, responsible, self confidence, optimism, forgiveness, regret, help each other and solidarity (Imas, 2008).

Febriana (2010) with the title of the research is Moral values in Joseph Conrad’s novel *Hearts of Darkness*. She wants to describe the moral values by using a descriptive qualitative method. She finds out some moral values are tolerant, critical, honest, curious, caring and respectful.

Other studies of moral values also been carried out by (Nuhayati, 2011) describes a novel about real nature of life. Many moral values contained in this novel. Nurhayati reveals the moral aspects contained in the teacher’s novel, among others: casing affection towards his mother and his best friend, a simple lifestyle, working perseverance, honesty, responsibility, and the value of life.

Based on previous research, the writer think this study did not develop earlier research. However, previous studies with this research there are similarities they both examine the moral aspects, and different according to the focus and analysis.

Synopsis of the novel “*Akeelah and the Bee*”

*Akeelah and the Bee* was a novel by James W. Ellison based on the screenplay by Doug Atchison. The movie told the story of a young girl from America. Akeelah Anderson child who had been left by his father’s died when she was six years old. Her mother was busy making a living and her brother leaves them. At the front desk, she puts a photo of the smiling father, to accompany her in the room. These smart kids like games misspelled word, the father becomes a source of inspiration, they both liked to play a session using the word bunk like a chess board squares was the place to put the letters.

Akeelah was smart student, who studied in Crenshaw California. Even though this school was not a favorite but she is included as a smart and good student at English subject. Akeelah had a friend and they were always together in school or outside.

Akeelah was a good student, but she rarely followed the lessons in school. She got good score for English subject. After studied, her teacher asked her to come office to follow the spelling bee will be hold in Washington D.C. Akeelah was not want to follow the contest because she thought that she may not be able to follow it.

After she arrived home, she changed her mind that she will follow the spelling bee. She became interested because she accidentally saw the show on ESPN television about the spelling bee. Finally she was keen to follow it.

A few days later Akeelah was called by head master and he told Akeelah be able to follow the contest because she can certainly. Initially she told the principal that she will be able and capable to beat the other participants. Akeelah's headmaster still forces her to follow it and provides motivation to Akeelah.

One week later Akeelah follows the contest selection that was held at Crenshaw. She was qualified in the preliminary round. She can follow the next contest with other participants from the Woodlands, Beverly Hills and etc. At the time of the preliminary round in her school, Akeelah desperate because she can not spell if he got but he had to answer. She becomes upset and refused to follow it.

After she came home, her brother (Devon) provided motivation to Akeelah to keep the spirit and followed it. Devon also told of his past before he became a member of the military. She became more confident to followed the spelling bee after heard the story of his brother. She also became more confident after saw the photograph of her father who always smiles to her face; she wants to realize his dream of became a smart speller.

The headmaster found a coach his name was Dr. Larabee. He told that she will not be smart if was not accompanied by a trainer. Then Bob introduces Akeelah to his coach (Dr. Larabee). She was a smart coach who was also a very good achievement.

A few days later Akeelah comes to Dr. Larabee home. She wants to start learning spell. Dr. Larabee does not like, and felt sad with her because she came too late. She was very upset because she had come and then had to go home. Upset fully, she came home and she said to Dr. Larabee she will not need a coach who was rough.

The competition was begun, she met one competitor from Korea, and his name was Javier. Then they introduced one to other and became very familiar. Javier was spelling bee champion two years ago but she was not arrogant. she provided motivation to her. Then Akeelah became more confident.

Contest will be started; she came to contest with the headmaster and her sister. Before the competition was begun, she asked her mother to accompany her, but her mother can not because she was very busy and told her for coming with her sister. She was very sad because was not accompanied by her mother. At this stage, she hardly qualifies as Akeelah wrong in the spelling. But in this competition, Akeelah still be lucky because one of the finalists to commit fraud and finally Akeelah qualifies for next round. After the competition was finished, she met Javier again. Then she chats with Javier, he offers to her to followed learn spell at USC. Then they are interested from bid to learn there.

Then she comes to USC to study. At USC she met with Dylan, he is one consecutive spelling bee champion. Then she got on to start learning with his friends. She was very happy because with other friends. After she finished studied, she comes home, when she was arriving home, she was got angry by her mother. Why she came late with nothing reason. Akeelah replies that she had just learning. Her mother scolds her disbelief. With a forced Akeelah told mother that she had just studied at USC with his friends. His mother becomes very angry because she was very concerned with her. Her mother think that she was still children are age 11 years old and got alone to the place that is far. It only will harm her.

She was become very sad because her mother does not allow her to follow the competition. Then Akeelah back to her bed and looks at photographs of her father. She loves her father every sad, she saw photograph of his father. She still wants to realize of his father dream becomes a good word speller. Then she falsifies signatures in a letter that is represented mother so that Dr. Larabee wants to train her again.

The next day, she comes back to Dr. Larabee's home to start learning again. She tried to spell every word that Dr. Larabee given. She continues to study to became the best. After from Dr. Larabee's home, she comes to Javier's home to celebrate the birthday party. Over, she met her friends, including Dylan. She plays scrabble and becomes a winner. The next day she comes back to Dr. Larabee's home, starts to study with Dr. Larabee. Competition and further round to the Washington D.C is begun. She with some participants in the competition was ready to followed the competition and sits on the stage. One by one competitor got a turn to get a question from the judges.

The competition was begun when Javier spelling; her mother comes and sees Bob. She was angry and calls her to stop the competition. Then she was called by her mother. After met her mother, she was scolded by her mother for followed the competition without her mother's permission. After she told everything to her mother, suddenly her mother allowed her to continue the competition before she was disqualified. Finally, she can qualify for the next round.

After finishing the preliminary round, she comes back to Dr. Larabee's home to train her again. She begins to realize that she really needs a coach to teach her at the next competition, but Dr. Larabee did not want to train her again because every trains her, he always remembers his daughter who had died of illness. Akeelah was very sad because she needed a coach desperately. Dr. Larabee told her to start learning with a 5000 words so she can be champion in spelling.

She was very sad because it. Finally she told her problem to her mother. Then her mother comes home to Dr. Larabee, asked him to train again because she needs a father figure and coach desperately. But the effort was failed. After arrived home, her mother gives motivation to her that she may stay abreast of the competition without Dr. Larabee, because her mother knows that she can. Her mother told her should not despair. Finally she was motivated by her mother.

After that, she studies to spell with the people who are closed her. She has to memorize 5000 words that have been awarded by Dr. Larabee. She becomes more intelligent and she has mastered 5000 words of Dr. Larabee given. After that she comes to Dr. Larabee's home tells that she has studied the words from Dr Larabee. He is very happy because she can learn it. Then Dr. Larabee tells his problems why he does not want to train her again. He remembers of his daughter who has died of illness. Dr. Larabee still always gives motivation to her that can certainly.

One day later, she got to Washington D.C to followed the last competition to became the first champion. She invited her friend to Washington D.C to saw her competition with her friends. She was very happy because she got to Washington D.C with the people who she loves so much. After arrive the Washington D.C hotel, she celebrates party for their happiness. On the other hand, Dylan was so tense because he can not have fun like them because he had study. He was pressed by his father.

Scripts national spelling bee was begun on the stage. Stage had so many participants from various schools to followed the competition. She was looked so tense because so many participants. She always confident and assumed that she can beats the other participants.

The competition continues, based in accordance with a specified sequence number. At her chance with number 63, she answers the spellings are given by the judge. On the other hand, all the people also see the competition in television. After a while, she becomes a top 30 with the other participants. After a round of the 12th, participants are still remained five competitors. She was very happy because she was included of the big five.

Furthermore, are remained two participants, they are Akeelah and Dylan. They have to compete to became the first champion. They are looked so tense to have been the best. Before it they can prepare themselves. In another room, she heard Dylan's father the

conversation which press Dylan to became a champion. They return to the stage to continue and got questions from the judge. They should be able to complete the 25 words in this championship. The condition was hot increasingly because they can answer together it.

In the end, they got the same scores. They show something so good and they become the winner in this year's spelling bee. On the next questions, they were also can answer. Then they became champions. People become so happy because they appear the best show competition. This was the end of their story, became a champion in the competition to spell words that was held in Washington DC.

## **METHOD**

### **Design**

This research used a descriptive method in order to describe values in a novel as a research object. This research method can be categorized as a library method. Because this method is a very suitable method to describe the moral values in the research object. Qualitative method does not discuss about number, but it prefers interaction between concepts of the research by using empirical methods.

### **Analysis Data**

Data analysis is the process of arranging the data sequence categorize it into a pattern, category and description of the base. Data analysis techniques in this study using the method of reading. The first step or the way the data analysis in this study to carefully and thoroughly read every word, sentence or paragraph in the *Akeelah and the Bee* novel. The second step is the author explains the meaning of the event that are in the novel *Akeelah and the Bee* to be able to find moral value in the story.

## **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

### **Moral values in the Novel**

The writer only focus on discussing about moral value in novel "*Akeelah and the Bee*", so that the writer will analyze only the moral value in this novel. From the theory and result above, the writer find several moral value in novel "*Akeelah and the Bee*" and all of moral value can proved with to showing in chapter, paragraph, page,line and explanation. There are eighteen moral value in this novel, they are:

### **a. Love and Affection**

Love and affection are very needed by everyone reflected in the world. With love, someone will be harmonious and peaceful. Love is something special needed to live. Love to our God, love to ourselves, love to our family, friends and our people around us. Love to each other. We need a love as way of life. Because of the social nature of humans and the long developmental period from birth to adulthood, the need for love is closely linked to the need for survival.

The moral value in “*Akeelah and the Bee*” is when her mother angry when Akeelah go to alone to Crenshaw Middle Scholl mother's knowledge, and the city was very prone hardness. Her mother worry if bad things happen to her. This is evidenced in chapter five. So, from the above statement explain that Akeelah's mother very love and affection to Akeelah. Not only it is included in the moral value of love and affection, for example Akeelah want to prove, despite coming from a family that fit - barely a social environment filled with danger and a school that does not include either category ( James W. Ellison 2006: 32)

*Mother : Akeelah Anderson!*

*You dont lost your mind? You 11 years old. You don't be taking a bus to Woodland Hills by yourself. Akeelah : There 's nobody around to take me. Mother : That's cause I work.*

*Akeelah : That's what you said on the weekend. All the other kids have their parents at the district bee.*

*Mother : Maybe the other kids have parents who got more time on their hands. Look, I'm not having another child of mine disappearing at all hours. So if this spelling thing means sneaking off to the suburbs by yourself, I'm calling it all off.*

*Akeelah : we can't call it off! I'm going to the regional bee. I love you..*

*Mother : I love you too.*

So, the quotation above showed that Akeelah's mother was very love and affection to Akeelah. Although her mother very busy work but she always giving her child affection. Akeelah's mother angry because she worry with Akeelah and she does not want anything bad to happen to her as did to her father ( Mr. Anderson ). The moral values of love and affection above is reflected through dialogues between mother and Akeelah.

### **b. Sacrifice**

Life is a sacrifice. Sacrifice of a mother for her child is huge.

The moral value is when Dr. Larabee set to not continue to guide Akeelah. Akeelah can not accept it, he told his mother that has begun to support the current Akeelah regional level competition. And his mother pleaded with Dr. Larabee to coach her to stay. Whatever will be a mother to her son the best. (Ellison, 2007)

*Josh : I certainly didn't mean to upset her. Well, I honestly thought I was doing the best thing for her.  
Mother : you know, Dr. Larabee, my child is only 11 years old and she has been through so much already. Her father was killed when she was six on his way home from work. Do you have any idea what it's like for a girl to lose her father that way?*

The quotation above showed that mother Akeelah always give something for children. The moral values of sacrifice above is reflected through conversation between mother and Dr Larabee who want her daughter to participate in the race and her mother wanted Larabee spell the coach for her daughter.

#### **Ⓔ. d.c. Sorry and Apologize**

Nobody live without making mistake it is important for social life to be a person who is easy to ask sorry and give apologize for the others. God is the most gracious, why people as his creation do not doing the same (Harun, 2003). When Akeelah wrong, Akeelah is not ashamed to apologize to his mother. Akeelah had lied to his mother that apparently unbeknownst to his mother, he followed the spelling bee contest along with Dr. Larabee.

But Akeelah not only quiet, he tried to persuade her mother to be allowed to participate in the competition for their father. Finally she agreed in order to further Akeelah and can win. It is found in chapter nine. From the statement above that Akeelah apologize to her mother because she is wrong. From the novel "Akeelah and the Bee", a lot of motivating readers. Because in this novel is a story about dreams, business, friendship and of course love. Almost no role in this novel antagonist. Conflict of small, hard work, and sportsmanship will find a match from the novel. ( 2006 : 60).

*Mother : You did what?! How do you think I felt when Javier's me to see if I need a ride to USC? I dont know who she is or what she's talking about.  
Akeelah : I'm sorry, Mama. I just wanted to do the bee.  
Mother : By lying? By going behind my back for the last six months? You might as well say goodbye to your little friends, Akeelah, because this is your last spelling bee.*

The quotation above showed that Akeelah apologize to her mother because she is wrong. The moral values of sorry and apologize is reflected through opinion of Harun.

#### **e.d. Optimism**

Optimism is an expectation to get the goodness. Optimism is new spirit to do something while we sometimes face in bad condition. No a reason to do pessimism because good gave us many happiness to be enjoyed. Without do optimism we get difficulties in all of challenges we have to understand that all of ourselves have many advantages to be developed. Optimism value could be seen in the action when Akeelah watching the race on television spell, Akeelah sure she can win in the competition (Ellison, 2007).

*Akeelah : I want to win.*

*Josh : You want to win what?*

*Akeelah : I want to win the national spelling bee!*

*Josh : Good..good*

The quotation when Akeelah ask to Dr. Larabee that she will be winner in spelling bee competition. The moral values of optimism above is reflected through dialogues between Akeelah and Dr Larabee.

#### **f.e. Honesty**

Honesty is very needed by everyone. With honesty we will always be in trust by others. Honesty is the most important keys to get the best.

Honesty is the main point in doing anything. During the regional spelling competition, Akeelah almost did not qualify for the next round because he could not spell one word. But Akeelah very lucky, one participant was disqualified for getting caught cheating. Honesty value could be seen in the action when one of them dishonest ( 2006 : 26)

*Judge : Ma'am did you help your child spell the word? Ma'am, this is serious business.*

*Mom : oh, you're damn right it's serious! You are gone give these kids ulcers! Do you know how long he has studied for this? He knew that word.*

*Student : No. I didn't*

The quotation when there was a boy who was disqualified for cheating in the competition. The moral values of honesty above is reflected through opinion of Harun.

#### **g.f. Kind and Friendly**

In life one must be kind and friendly nature. We aren't alone in this world, so with attitude of good-hearted and friendly person will also be vice versa. It is therefore necessary once we have those attitudes. Georgia is the best friend Akeelah. He wants to see his friend do my best in the race including the spelling bee. And whatever is done by Akeelah, Georgia always support it. This is shown in chapter twelve ( 2006 : 77).

Georgia : Cause people want to see you do well. I want to see you do well.

Akeelah : you know what? Georgia, you're my best friend. And you always tell me I can do things even when I think I can't. But I gotta tell you something. If you want to be a flight attendant, you first gotta ride on a plane.

Georgia : I will someday.

The quotation show that Akeelah very kind and friendly with Georgia. Anything done by Akeelah, Georgia always supported and encouraged. Especially when Georgia knew his friend would like to participate in the contest. The moral values of kind and Friendly above is reflected through dialogues between Akeelah and Georgia.

### h.g. **Hard work**

Hard work means bend over backwrds to get maximum result. Without hard work, there is no satisfactory result can be achieved. Hard work does not guarantee success. But at least the opportunity to get closer to success. No hard work wasted. From novel "Akeelah and the Bee" we know that the hard work Akeelah could be an example for anyone. He did all for the realization of her dream that she wanted to join the regional spelling bee and can win in the race. Many obtacles are impassable. But, because to the hard work akeelah, she could win the white people beat Daylan.

*The head judge stood at the mike and said, " As we are down to our final two spellers.*

*For the first time , Dylan was struggling. He ran a finger across his brow and frowned.*

*" Scheherazadian."*

*Finally Dylan said, " S-c-h-e-h-e-r-a-z-a-d-i-a-n.*

*" scheherazadian.*

*Akeelah took the mike.*

*" Palynological." Her hand started tapping in regular rhythm. " P-a-l-y-n-o-l-o-g-i-c-a-l" she spell slowly.*

*Until .....*

*Congratulation, Daylan."*

*Congratulation, Akeelah..."*

The quotation above showed that Akeelah try as much as possible in order to participate in the spelling bee with great effort.

### **i.h. Ambition**

Ambition is the desire, passion, lust, which is likely to be ( gain, achieve) something such as rank, position or do something. While ambitious means eager hard to achieve something. Ambitious as nature has two sides, is the positive side and negative side. Positive course that try as much as possible in accordance with its ability to achieve the dream of something without harming others. This too can be categorized as ambitious. But maybe that is often found is that negative ambitious. For the sake of riding position, although anything will be done in a way that is not good. Akeelah include people who have a positive ambitious according to her ability, she is intelligent and hardworking. She ambitious to win ( 2006 : 82 )

*Akeelah : I want to win.*

*Josh : You want to win what?*

*Akeelah : I want to win the national spelling bee!*

*Josh : Good..good*

The quotation above showed that akeelah very ambitious to win the spelling bee. Because Akeelah convinced that she was able to compete with white people. Although initially she did not believe it herself but because of the support of many parties that she was very ambitious to win. The moral values of ambition above is reflected through dialogues between Akeelah and Dr Larabee.

### **j.i. Not Easily Surrender**

The moral values of not easily surrender in novel “ *Akeelah and the Bee*” when Dr Joshua Larabee gave a test to tell Akeelah to spell a word. But, the word pulchritude, Akeelah unsuccessful spell. From there Akeelah does not want to follow the spelling bee. But thanks to the support of teachers ( Ms Cross ), headmaster ( Mr Welch) and his brother ( Devon ) Akeelah finally want to follow the spelling bee competition. From novel “ *Akeelah and the Bee* ” many moral values that we can take and then we do in our life. A 11 year old girl who lives a very supportive environment and prone to violence than the people around his as well as facilities where Akeelah has dreams and high ideals Akeelah finally managed to win the national level against the toughest competitors Daylan. All of these efforts can not be separated from Akeelah. There are so many obstacles that must be faced Akeelah.

Her mother does not allow Akeelah join the spelling bee because Akeelah must complete the lessons in the summer lag. Akeelah had relented and desperate middle of

the road, but the spirit which is given Dr Larabee and passion make his rise again.  
(2006 : 13).

*All eyes in the auditorium swung toward Dr Larabee, who stopped whistling and, to Mr Welch's amazement, stood up.*

*"she's not done yet," Dr Larabee said, starting at Akeelah intently. He leaned on the chair in front of him, took a deep breath, and speaking very slowly, said, "Prestidigitation."*

*Laughter erupted at the size and complexity of the word. Akeelah stayed rooted in one spot, her hand beginning to beat against her thigh, her lips moving, as she stared suspiciously at the tall stranger. "I'm sorry, sir...whoever you are," Ms Cross said. "This girl is only eleven years old.. and she's already won—"*

*"Prestidigitation," Dr Larabee repeated, cutting the teacher off. Can you spell it? Akeelah's eyes stayed fixed on Dr Larabee's; he looked steadily back at her. It was almost as though his middle-aged man and eleven-year-old girl were involved in a contest of wills.*

*Akeelah's hand continued to beat against her thigh. Sharply and suddenly she said, "P-r-e-s-t-i-d-i-g-i-t-a-t-i-o-n. 'Prestidigitation.'"*

*A stunned hush fell over the room. Even Chuckie Johnson and his rowdy friends were silent. Did she get it right? Even Ms. Cross, staring hard at Dr. Larabee, wasn't certain.*

*"That's correct," Dr. Larabee said, his voice neutral and quiet.*

*Georgia stood on her chair and let out a war whoop.*

*"Ambidextrous," Dr. Larabee said, his eyes continuing to bore into Akeelah.*

*"Sir, these words are not appropriate for—" Ms. Cross began.*

*Akeelah cut in, saying, "A-m-b-i-d-e-x-t-r-o-u-s.*

*"Ambidextrous."*

*"Pterodactyl," Dr. Larabee said next.*

*"P-t-e-r-o-d-a-c-t-y-l," Akeelah responded promptly. Dr. Larabee nodded just perceptibly. "Pulchritude," he said.*

*“ P-u-l-c . . . “*

*Akeelah hesitated and looked down at her hand, which had stopped tapping on her thigh and had begun to shake.*

*“Uh.... r-i-t-u-d-e.’ Pulchritude’? A moment passed before Dr. Larabee said,” That’s incorrect. It’s from the latin root ‘pulcher,’ meaning beautiful. There’s an ‘h’ after the ‘c’. A painful pause filled the audience, followed by a faint collective sigh, as though the air had been sucked out of the room.*

The quotation above showed that although Akeelah refusing her teacher desires most in his heart the desire to follow a very big spelling bee contest. The moral values of not easily surrender above is reflected through dialogues between Mrs. Cross, Akeelah and Dr Larabee.

#### **k.j. Firm, Serious and Discipline**

The moral value of Firm, Serious and Discipline in novel “ *Akeelah and the Bee*” when Akeelah was home to Dr Larabee to practice spelling but Akeelah comes too late. But actually Akeelah already arrived before the specified time but did not hear Dr Larabee Akeelah knocking on the door. Everyone will want to succeed. And the key to success is to implement discipline behavior. From the novel “*Akellah and the Bee*” this we can imitate nature of Dr Larabee character as a person who has a firm, serious in learning and discipline. Dr. Larabee is a person who trains Akeelah in spelling the word to follow the national competition. Dr Larabee also was ordered Mr Welch coach to coach Akeelah. If at the time of exercise, Dr Larabee is very serious and if Akeelah practice Dr Larabee is not serious then do not hesitate to rebuke and scold. He was also very firm, he does not want their students to fail. Discipline is the key to success. It is always said to be Dr Larabee to Akeelah. (2006 : 19)

*He stopped, suddenly sensing that someone was watching him. He looked up at Akeelah, his expression blank.*

*“ You’re late,” he said.*

*“ You didn’t answer the door.”*

*“ That’s because you’re late.” “*

*But I came right from school.”*

*“ Dawdled.’ D-a-w-d-l-e-d.”*

*“ That’s not funny,” he said. “In fact, it’s a little smartalecky.”*

The quotation above showed that Akeelah must practice seriously and always discipline then one day she will succeed. Dr. Larabee wants to apply the key to success is discipline. The moral values of firm, serious and discipline above is reflected through dialogues between Akeelah and Dr. Larabee in the garden.

### l.k. Kind and Helper

The moral value of kind and helper in novel "Akeelah and the Bee" is when Akeelah acquainted with Javier Mendez, white children who attended an elite school, but he was never promiscuous friend. Javier is a good son and friendly. He wants to be friends and invites Akeelah to join in the group spelling bee in Woodland Hills (2006 : 28).

*"That little Hispanic kid," Kiana said. "You like him?"*

*"Javier Mendez," Akeelah said. "He's nice. Really a cool kid."*

*"Seems like a funny little dude. He kind of makes you smile."*

*"He invited me to join his spelling group in Woodland Hills."*

The quotation shows that white people do not necessarily do not want to be friends with blacks that Akeelah. Javier sincerely friends with Akeelah and would like to invite to join the study without regard Akeelah as rival. The moral values of kind and helper above is reflected through dialogues between Javier and Akeelah.

### CONCLUSION

This novel told the story of Akeelah Anderson was a precocious 11 years old girl from Crenshaw middle school in Los Angeles who had a competence in words. Because of his father interest in words and the condition in her school, she decides to take part in spelling bee. Coached by a college professor named Dr. Larabee, she starts to study how to spell the words well. Rather, she even learns how to be more confident and brave. In the step getting the national spelling bee, she got some challenges which are from her own self in solving her fear, mother, coach, friends and others. But then, she can give the best for her family, her school, her friends and her neighborhood. In the end, she becomes co-champions with Dylan, her friend and her rival too. Many moral value contained in the novel that we can take, there are: Love and Affection, Sacrifice, Sorry and Apologize, Optimism, Honesty, Kind and friendly, Hard work, Ambition, Not Easily Surrender, Firm, Serious, and Disciplined and Kind and Helper.

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