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*In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both **shall** be alike good.*

Ecclesiastes 11:6

Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

Proverbs 29:18

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge....

Hosea 4:6

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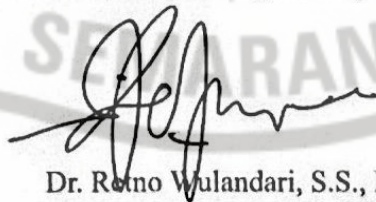
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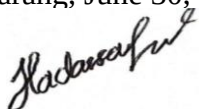
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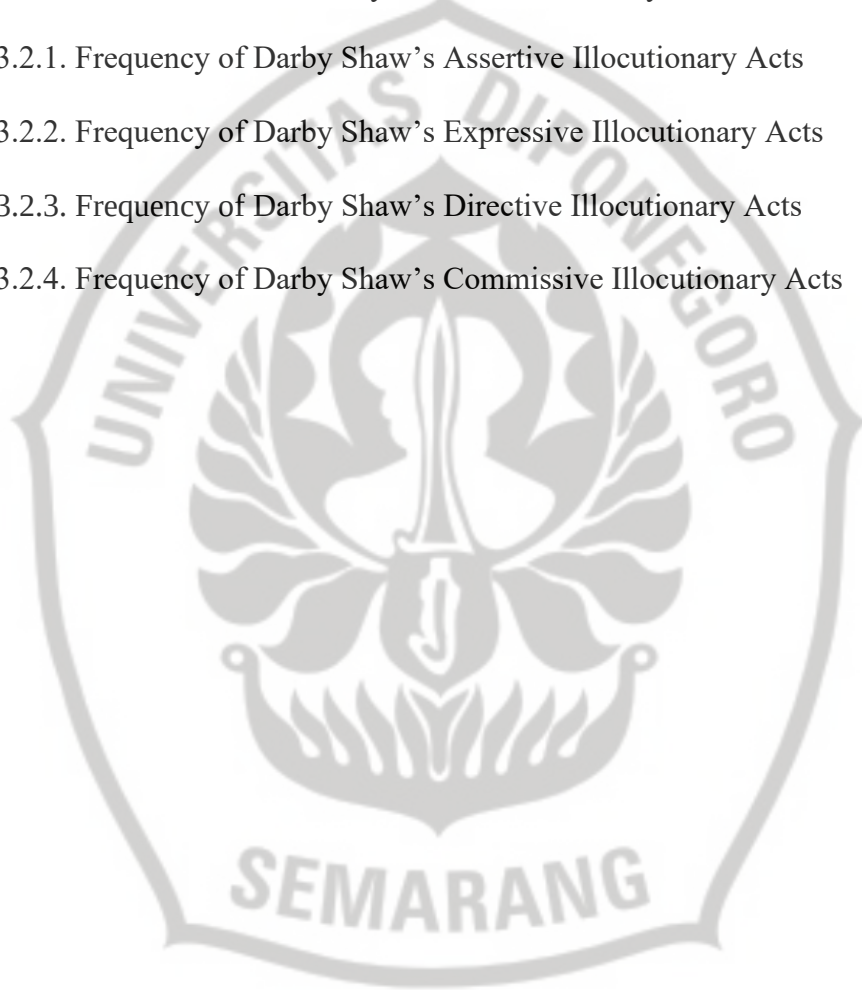
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

These are the abbreviations that the researcher uses in this undergraduate thesis.

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Abbreviation	Meaning	Page
ASS	Darby Shaw Assertive Acts	28
COM	Darby Shaw Commissive Acts	28
DEC	Darby Shaw Declaration Acts	28
DIR	Darby Shaw Directive Acts	28
IB	Intellectual Bravery	48
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