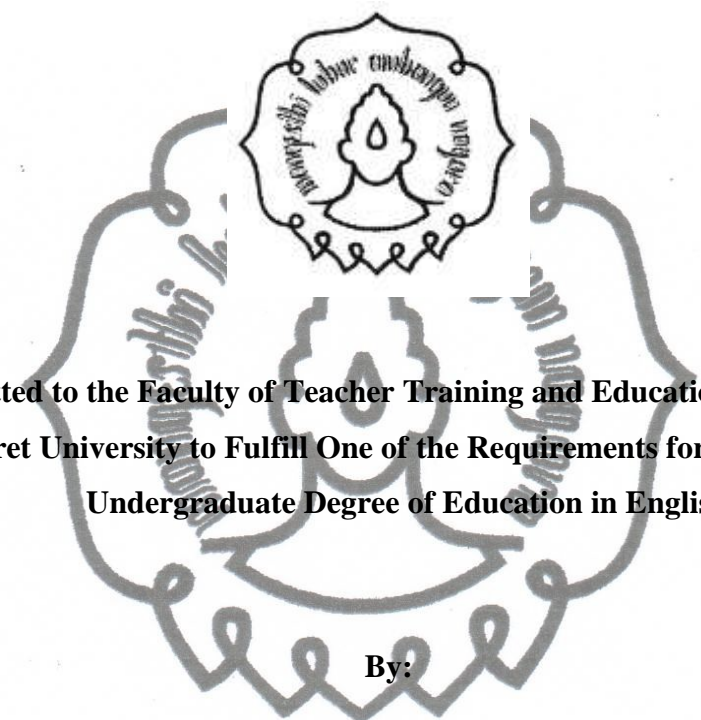


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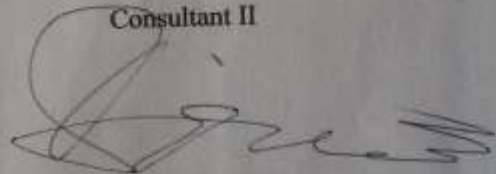
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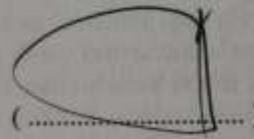
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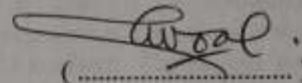
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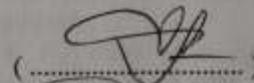
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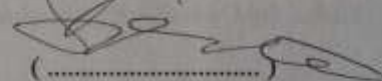
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*The aim of this research is to find out: (1) whether there is a significant difference in the achievement of reading skill between the students taught using learning cell and those taught using direct instructional method; and (2) whether learning cell is more effective to teach reading than direct instructional method.*

*Related to the objectives of the research, the method used in this research was quantitative through experimental approach in order to analyze the collected data. The research was conducted in August-September 2014. The population of this research was the eighth grade students of SMP N 14 Surakarta in the academic year of 2014/2015. From the whole population, two classes were taken as the sample where each class consisted of 33 students. The sample were class VIII A as the experimental group and VIII B as the control group. The sampling technique used was cluster random sampling. The data were collected by conducting a test and were analyzed by using t-test formula.*

*The computation of the data shows that: (1) there is a significant difference in reading skill between the students taught using learning cell and those taught using direct instructional method; and (2) learning cell is more effective than direct instructional method to teach reading for junior high school students.*

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“Innallahha Ma’as Sabirin”

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“Miracle is another name of hardwork”

(Korean Drama)

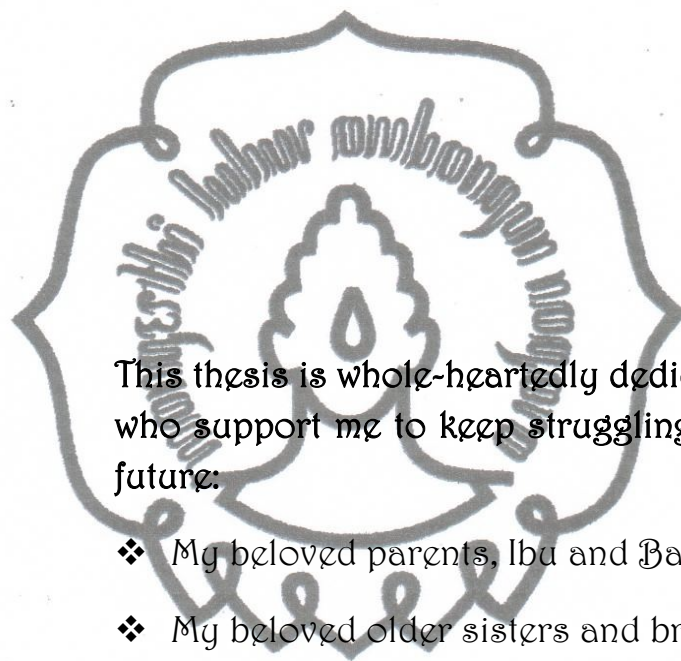
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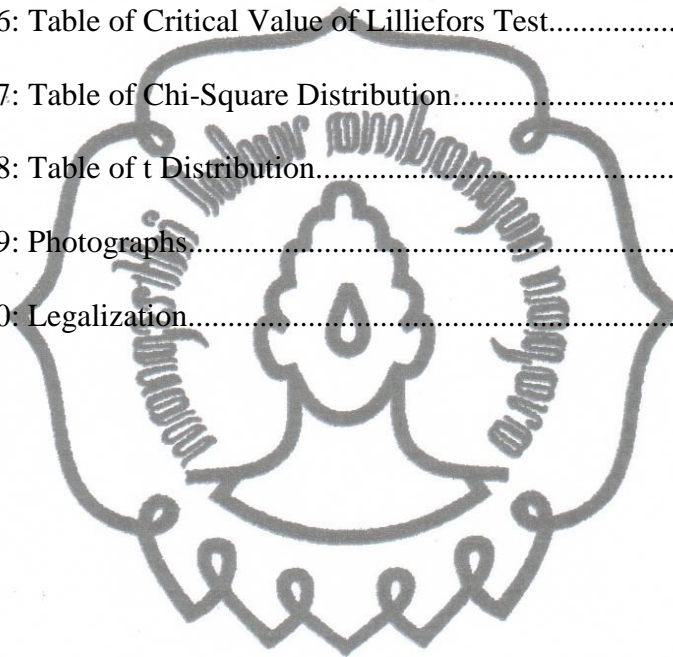
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