

CHAPTER IV

RESEARCH FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter the researcher discusses about the finding of the researcher. The finding presents about what the researcher found during the research. The researcher collect the data from interview and documentation which were discussed based on theory in the previous chapter and the research problem. The following section will describe the result of the investigation by conducting interviews and the result of data EPT test, this data is Archival Record which is taken from Language Development Centre of IAIN Madura.

A. Research Finding

The first section of English Proficiency Test that held by P2B of IAIN Madura is Structure and Written expression. This section includes two types question, *the first* is structure and *the second* is written expression. The structure or grammar section of this test is the test takers' ability to recognize formal written English. Many things are acceptable in formal written English.

In this EPT test, the structure and written expression section covers 40 questions which structure consists of 20 questions and also written expression consists of 20 questions. After doing the research, the researcher found students' difficulty of this section after conducting interview.

The interview was conducted after identifying students' data. The researcher held the interview with 15 students who got the lowest and the highest score of EPT Test. The researcher will be looking for the information about student difficulty.

1. Interview with Hajar Rany Lohjinawi

The Researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT TEST in P2B?”

Hajar Rani Lohjinawi : “I have joined the EPT Test for two times”.

The Researcher : “Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?”

Hajar Rani Lohjinawi : “yes of course I have difficult to answer”.

The Researcher : “Do you think STRUCTURE is difficult?”

Hajar Rany Lohjinawi : “The most difficult to answer in Structure and written expression section”.

The researcher : “What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?”

Hajar Rany Lohjinawi : “Grammar understanding moreover tenses and articles”.

The Researcher : “What factors that influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?”

Hajar Rany Lohjinawi : “understanding the materials because I didn’t pay attention while the lecture explaining the lesson”.

The Researcher : “Have you taken a course before taking the test?”

Hajar Rany Lohjinawi : “I never taking course before”¹

Joined the EPT Test for twice, having difficulties in answering the question. She thinks that the most difficult part to answer is Structure and Written Expression section because she didn’t have basic before and when in structure class , she didn’t understand the material that given by the lecture. The reason is teacher explanation is too difficult to understand, and she said “I find it difficult when there is a question like the sentence have underlined”. She had never taken a course before taking the test.

¹ Interview, Hajar Rany Lohjinawi, student English Learning Program on 13th September 2020

2. Result of Interview with Fitriatil Maghfira

- The researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?”
- Fitriatil Maghfira : “I have joined the EPT Test only one times”.
- The Researcher : ”Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?”
- Fitriatil Maghfira : “yes, I had problem answering”.
- The Researcher : “Do you think structure is difficult?”
- Fitriatil Maghfira : “yes, I think the hardest part of the test is in the structure section”.
- The Researcher : “What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?”
- Fitriatil Maghfira : “I often didn’t understand the grammar position such as the question is about clause”.
- The Researcher : “What factors that influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?”
- Fitriatil Maghfira : “lack of study about structure”.
- The Researcher : “Have you taken a course before taking the test?”
- Fitriatil Maghfira : “I never taking course before”²

She had a problem answering the EPT test, and she think that the hardest section is in the structure and written expression. The problem or difficulty in responding structure section is she didn’t understand the grammar position. One of the main difficulties faced by the students in answering the structure section two is the lack of grammar understanding.

3. Result of Interview with Eva Kurniawati:

² Interview, Fitriatil Maghfira, student English Learning Program on 12th September 2020

The Researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?”

Eva Kurniawati : “I have joined the EPT Test for two times”.

The Researcher :”Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?

Eva Kurniawati : “yes, I have”.

The Researcher : “Do you think structure is difficult?”

Eva Kurniawati : “yes, I think structure section is difficult for me”.

The Researcher : “What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?”

Eva Kurniawati : “I didn’t understand when the question is about subject and verb”.

The Researcher : “What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?”

Eva Kurniawati : “less practice before the test”.

The Researcher : “Have you taken a course before taking the test?”

Eva Kurniawati : “I never taking course before”³.

Practice is one way to be familiar with the test and time constraint and manage to take the test properly. Having difficulties in answering in the EPT test especially in reading and listening section, but sometimes she feel confused in answering structure and written section. Her problem is in subject and verb question.

4. Result of Interview with Marzuki Fadli

The Researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?”

Marzuki Fadli : “I have joined the EPT Test only one times”.

The Researcher :”Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?”

³ Interview, Eva Kurniawati, student English Learning Program on 13th September 2020

Marzuki Fadli : “yes, I have problem answering”.

The Researcher : “Do you think structure and written expression is difficult?”

Marzuki Fadli : “yes, I have problem in written expression section”.

The Researcher : “What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?”

Marzuki Fadli : “I often didn’t understand the meaning of the word so I confused to understanding the question, and I confused in noun, preposition, and conjunction”.

The Researcher : “What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?”

Marzuki Fadli : “lack of vocabulary”.

The Researcher : “Have you taken a course before taking the test?”

Marzuki Fadli : “I never taking course before”⁴

Joined the EPT test in the fifth semester, he only got difficult in written expression question, and the problem is in lack of vocabulary. He said, “I often didn’t understand the meaning of the word so I confused to understanding the question, and I confused in noun, preposition, and conjunction”. He never take a course before taking the test.

5. Result of Interview with Gemma Muhammad Maulana

The Researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?”

Gemma Muhammad Maulana : “I have join the EPT Test only one times”.

The Researcher : “Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?”

⁴ Interview, Marzuki Fadli, student English Learning Program on 13th September 2020

Gemma Muhammad Maulana : “yes, Of course I have difficult to answer it”.

The Researcher : “Do you think structure and written expression is difficult?”

Gemma Muhammad Maulana : “yes, I think structure and written expression the most difficult to answer”.

The Researcher : “What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?”

Gemma Muhammad Maulana : “my problem or difficulty is in conjunction”.

The Researcher : “What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?”

Gemma Muhammad Maulana : “I just limitation of my knowledge about the material”.

The Researcher : “Have you taken a course before taking the test?”

Gemma Muhammad Maulana : “I never taking course before”⁵

Having difficulties to answer structure section, he said “I think structure section is most difficult more than the others”. His problem or difficulty in responding structure is in deceptive question and he said that he just limitation of his knowledge. “I know the theory of grammar but when it is already dealing with long and more complicated sentences, it becomes difficult especially to determine the error words”.

6. Result of Interview with Eli Safitri

The Researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?”

Eli Safitri : “I have join the EPT Test only one times”.

⁵ Interview, Gemma Muhammad Maulana, student English Learning Program on 12th September 2020

The Researcher : "Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?"

Eli Safitri : "yes, Of course I have difficult".

The Researcher : "Do you think structure and written expression is difficult?"

Eli Safitri : "yes, I think structure section makes me confused to answer".

The Researcher : "What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?"

Eli Safitri : "my problem or difficulty is the question makes me confused even though when I forgot the pattern".

The Researcher : "What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?"

Eli Safitri : "I feel confused when the question about clause, and I didn't understand about the material that given by my lecture".

The Researcher : "Have you taken a course before taking the test?"

Eli Safitri : "I never taking course before" ⁶

She had difficult to answer, for the first in listening section, and the second in reading section, but sometimes she had difficult to answering structure section. She said "structure section is difficult and the case as same as reading section which the answer makes confused". The factors that influences the difficulty of structure is the first she think the answer seems true all, second she didn't understand about structure material, third, she spent much time in choose the right answer. She didn't taken a course before taking the test.

⁶ Interview, Eli Safitri, student English Learning Program on 13th September 2020

7. Result of Interview with Atiqotun Maghfira

The Researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?”

Atiqotun Maghfira : “I have join the EPT Test for sixth times”.

The Researcher : ”Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?”

Atiqotun Maghfira : “Certainly I have difficult to answer”.

The Researcher : “Do you think structure and written expression is difficult?”

Atiqotun Maghfira : “yes, I got confused in structure section”.

The Researcher : “What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?”

Atiqotun Maghfira : “my problem or difficulty is the question makes me confused the pattern is too hard such as in parallel structure”.

The Researcher : “What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?”

Atiqotun Maghfira : “maybe I didn’t pay attention of teacher explanation”.

The Researcher : “Have you taken a course before taking the test?”

Atiqotun Maghfira : “I never taking course before”⁷

Join the EPT test for sixth times. She still have difficult to answer structure and written expression section, her problem is in mastering grammar, and she didn’t know much about grammar. She said “my problem or difficulty is the question makes me confused the pattern is too hard such as in parallel structure”.

8. Result of Interview with Achmad Faidi

The Researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?”

⁷ Interview, Atiqotun Maghfira, student English Learning Program on 13th September 2020

Achmad Faidi : “yes, I have joined the EPT Test for two times”.

The Researcher : ”Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?”

Achmad Faidi : “Yes, I have any difficult”.

The Researcher : “Do you think structure and written expression is difficult?”

Achmad Faidi : “yes, structure section is difficult”.

The Researcher : “What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?”

Achmad Faidi : “my problem or difficulty is in grammatical especially in tenses, causative verb, and conditional sentence”.

The Researcher : “What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?”

Achmad Faidi : “I am lazy to study hard”.

The Researcher : “Have you taken a course before taking the test?”

Achmad Faidi : “I never taking course before”⁸

Join the EPT Test for two times, he had difficult to answering structure and written section, and the problem or difficulty to responding to the structure and written expression is in grammatical role and also vocabulary. He had difficult to answer question about tenses, causative verb, and conditional sentence, and the factor is he lazy to study hard. He said “I am lazy to study hard”.

9. Result of Interview with Fachri Kurnia Ferdianto

The Researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?”

Fachri Kurnia Ferdianto: “I already join the EPT Test for one time”.

⁸ Interview, Achmad Faidi, student English Learning Program on 17th September 2020

The Researcher : "Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?"

Fachri Kurnia Ferdianto: "yes, of course I have".

The Researcher : "Do you think structure and written expression is difficult?"

Fachri Kurnia Ferdianto: "yes, structure and written expression is the most difficult section".

The Researcher : "What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?"

Fachri Kurnia Ferdianto: "I have problem in mastering grammar especially tenses".

The Researcher : "What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?"

Fachri Kurnia Ferdianto: "lack of study before the test".

The Researcher : "Have you taken a course before taking the test?"

Fachri Kurnia Ferdianto: "I never taking course before"⁹

He thinks the most difficult to answer in EPT Test is Structure section, and the problem is in mastering grammar especially when there are question fill in the blank that required to figure out which words are roughly the wrong word. He said "I have problem in mastering grammar especially tenses".

10. Result of Interview with Erika Rizky Maharani

The Researcher : "Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?"

Erika Rizky Maharani : "I have join the EPT Test one times".

The Researcher : "Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?"

Erika Rizky Maharani : "yes, I have difficult to answer".

⁹ Interview, Fachri Kurnia Ferdianto, student English Learning Program on 16th September 2020

The Researcher : “Do you think structure and written expression is difficult?”

Erika Rizky Maharani : “yes, 100% structure and written expression is the most difficult section”.

The Researcher : “What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?”

Erika Rizky Maharani : “my problem or difficulty is my grammar very weak especially in adverb question”.

The Researcher : “What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?”

Erika Rizky Maharani : “didn’t prepare before the test”.

The Researcher : “Have you taken a course before taking the test?”

Erika Rizky Maharani : “I never taking course before”¹⁰

She thinks the most difficult to answer in EPT Test is Structure and Written Expression, ”100% structure and written expression is the most difficult section to answer”. The problem that difficulty to answer is in lack of understanding grammar especially in tenses. She said “my problem or difficulty is my grammar very weak especially in adverb question”.

11. Result of Interview with Kamilatus Siyadah

The Researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?”

Kamilatus Siyadah : “I have join the EPT Test for once”.

The Researcher : ”Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?”

Kamilatus Siyadah : “yes, I have difficult to answer”.

¹⁰ Interview, Erika Rizky Maharani, student English Learning Program on 18th September 2020

The Researcher : “Do you think structure and written expression is difficult?”

Kamilatus Siyadah : “yes, I have difficult in responding structure and written expression section”.

The Researcher : “What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?”

Kamilatus Siyadah : “understanding the materials about conditional sentence”.

The Researcher : “What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?”

Kamilatus Siyadah : “did not do its time well and also didn’t understand the direction of section”.

The Researcher : “Have you taken a course before taking the test?”

The student answer : “No, I never taking course before”¹¹

She thinks the most difficult to answer in EPT Test is Structure and Written Expression. The problem that difficulty to answer is in lack of understanding grammar especially in tenses and didn’t understand the direction of section. She also have difficulty in conditional sentence “ my problem is understanding the materials about conditional sentence”.

12. Result of Interview with Lisa Kustia Ningsih

The Researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?”

Lisa Kustia Ningsih : “I have join the EPT Test for one times”.

The Researcher : ”Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?”

Lisa Kustia Ningsih : “Of course I have difficult to answer”.

¹¹ Interview, Kamilatus Siyadah, student English Learning Program on 15th September 2020

The Researcher : “Do you think structure and written expression is difficult?”

Lisa Kustia Ningsih : “yes, I got confused in structure section”.

The Researcher : “What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?”

Lisa Kustia Ningsih : “Grammar understanding moreover parallel structure, noun, pronoun and articles”.

The Researcher : “What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?”

Lisa Kustia Ningsih : “understanding grammar because I didn’t understand what teacher explains in the class since third semester”.

The Researcher : “Have you taken a course before taking the test?”

Lisa Kustia Ningsih : “I never take course before”¹²

She thinks that Structure and Written Expression is the most difficult part of the test. She did not understand the lesson since third semester. In the other side, the student did not mastery in grammar lesson since senior high school, she said “my problem is understanding grammar because I didn’t understand what teacher explains in the class since third semester”.

13. Result of Interview with Khoirul Anam

The Researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?”

Khoirul Anam : “I have joined the EPT Test for two times”.

The Researcher : ”Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?”

Khoirul Anam : “yes, I have difficult to answer”.

¹² Interview, Lisa Kustia Ningsih, student English Learning Program on 14th September 2020

The Researcher : “Do you think structure and written expression is difficult?”

Khoirul Anam : “yes, I think structure section the most difficult to answer”.

The Researcher : “What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?”

Khoirul Anam : “my problem or difficulty occurs is when the question is about pronoun and verbal”.

The Researcher : “What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?”

Khoirul Anam : “didn’t prepare to study structure subject or material before the test”.

The Researcher : “Have you taken a course before taking the test?”

Khoirul Anam : “I never take course before”.¹³

Join the EPT test in fifth semester, the student thinks Structure and Written Expression is the most difficult part of the test, and the problem is in lack of grammar understanding moreover pronoun and verbal. “my problem or difficulty occurs is when the question is about pronoun and verbal”. He never takes a course before taking the test, and he said “didn’t prepare to study structure subject or material before the test”.

14. Result of Interview with Diah Nur Istiqomah

The Researcher : “Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?”

Diah Nur Istiqomah : “I have joined the EPT Test for one time”.

¹³ Interview, Khoirul Anam, student English Learning Program on 12th September 2020

The Researcher : "Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?"

Diah Nur Istiqomah : "yes, I have difficult".

The Researcher : "Do you think structure and written expression is difficult?"

Diah Nur Istiqomah : "yes, I got confused in structure and written expression".

The Researcher : "What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?"

Diah Nur Istiqomah : "the problem is in grammar understanding moreover tenses and articles".

The Researcher : "What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?"

Diah Nur Istiqomah : "I didn't know much about structure subject".

The Researcher : "Have you taken a course before taking the test?"

Diah Nur Istiqomah : "I never taking course before" ¹⁴

Join the test only one times and the student have a problem in responding structure and written expression, she said "I got confused in structure and written expression".

The student didn't mastery grammar lesson especially in tenses and articles. "My problem is in grammar understanding moreover tenses and articles".

15. Result of Interview with Arini Hikmah Wildani

The Researcher : "Have you ever taken the EPT test in P2B?"

Arini Hikmah Wildani : "I have joined the EPT Test for one times".

The Researcher : "Do you have any difficulties in answering EPT test?"

¹⁴ Interview, Diah Nur Istiqomah, student English Learning Program on 19th September 2020

Arini Hikmah Wildani : “yes, I have difficult to answer”.

The Researcher : “Do you think structure and written expression is difficult?”

Arini Hikmah Wildani : “yes, structure and written expression is difficult section”.

The Researcher : “What is your problem or difficulty in responding to the structure and written expression section?”

Arini Hikmah Wildani : “I have problem in mastering grammar moreover tenses”.

The Researcher : “What are the factors influences the difficulty of structure and written expression?”

Arini Hikmah Wildani : “lack of study more about the subject, the trick, and the strategy”.

The Researcher : “Have you taken a course before taking the test?”

Arini Hikmah Wildani : “I never take course before”¹⁵

Join the EPT Test for one times and the student didn't understand what the teacher explained about. Based on the student Structure and Written Expression is the most difficult part of the test. She said “I have problem in mastering grammar moreover tenses”.

B. Discussion

In this study, the researcher would like to discuss about students' difficulty in Structure and Written Expression. According to fifteen students, Structure and Written Expression was the most difficult part of the test, because it consist 60 skills of grammatical rule. After identifying Archival Record, there were many students'

¹⁵ Interview, Arini Hikmah Wildani, student English Learning Program on 17th September 2020

difficulty after conducting the interview, and the researcher found many factors that cause students difficult to answer Structure and Written Expression section.

1. Students' Difficulty of The Test

a. Structure

Structure section is designed to measure your ability toward Grammatical in English. According to ETS official website, Structure and Written Expression contains sentences that test examinees knowledge of important structural and grammatical elements of standard written English.¹⁶ In this part of test students mostly difficult in:

1. Answering the correct Subject and verb

Based on the interview, Eva Kurniawati find it difficult to analyze these skill. Look at the following question:

Testing the nature and limits of the laws of such imaginary worlds _____ more in common with scientific methods than with pointless addiction.

- A. That has
- B. Having
- C. To have
- D. Has

In this sentence, the subject consists of gerund phrase. This sentence needs a verb. A .that has, if we choose A, that is conjunction and one conjunction need two verbs while this sentence has one verb

¹⁶Saideh Ahangari and Ali HamdeBarghi, article "*Consistency of Measured Accuracy in Grammar Knowledge Tests and Writing*" (Language Testing in Asia:2012) p.5

with one conjunction. *Having* and *to have* are not a verb, the sentence above need verb, so the best answer is *Has* because it is the only verb.

2. Problem with Pronoun.

Based on the interview, Khoirul Anam find it difficult to analyze these skill. Look at the following question:

Marmots spend_____ time while they are foraging among meadow plants and flowers or they are sunning on rocky cliffs

- A. Its
- B. Their
- C. It
- D. They

The subject of the sentence above is plural, so it needs pronoun which indicates to plural. Some students guess that *its* can be used to plural, but it is wrong, the right answer is *their* (B) because Marmots is plural.

3. Choose the correct answer in Causative verb.

Based on the interview, Achmad Faidi find it difficult to analyze these skill. Look at the following question:

Susi made Andi _____ his sandals before he went into her house.

- A. Takes off
- B. Take off

- C. Took off
- D. Taken off

This sentence is a causative made sentence because the subject (Susi) tells someone else (Andi) to do something. So the pattern is have / make + active object (person) + V1. The students should answer (B).

4. Problem with Clause

Based on the interview, Marzuki Fadli find it difficult to analyze these skill. Look at the following question:

Many people_____ a lot of times playing video games insist that have helped them in areas like confidence building.

- A. Who spends
- B. That spending
- C. Spend
- D. Spending

"Many people who spend a lot of times playing video games insist that they have helped them in areas like confidence building". It is the result of reducing active sentence in adjective clause from who spend to *spending*, so the right answer is *spending*. *Who spends* is not suitable with the subject that consists of plural, *that spending*, *spending* is not a verb. Whereas adjective clause need conj+ subject+ verb. *Spend* in (C) is main verb, if the students choose this answer so that this sentence has more verb with one conjunction.

5. Answer the correct Conjunction.

Based on the interview, Gemma Muhammad Maulana find it difficult to analyze these skill. Look at the following question:

Geneticists often experiment with bacteria and viruses _____ those organisms reproduce so quickly.

- A. Due to
- B. Because
- C. Because of
- D. In spite of

Geneticists is subject *experiment* is a verb, *those organism* is new subject with verb *reproduce*. There are two subjects and two verbs, so this sentence needs one conjunction. Between four answers above, *because* is the right answer (B) because it is conjunction. *Due to* is preposition, *because of* is preposition, *in spite of* is also preposition.

6. Problem in Conditional sentence.

Based on the interview, Kamilatus Siyadah find it difficult to analyze these skill. Look at the following question:

If the student _____ late to submit the scholarship application to the board, they will not to be listed as candidates.

- a. be
- b. are
- c. were
- d. have

The sentence is a type 1 conditional sentence because there are words *if* and *will* + V1. So the correct answer is *are* (B) because the tense is perfect. Some students feel difficult because they do not know analyze tense.

7. Problem with Tenses

Based on the interview, Arini Hikmah Wildani finds it difficult to analyze these skill. Look at the following question:

I was sleeping when my father _____ the announcement about me in the radio.

- a. hear
- b. heard
- c. was hearing
- d. will

The sentence above has a past continuous tense pattern because the word hear is a word that is not commonly added-ing so it is changed to form V-II. So the best answer is (B).

b. **Written Expression**

King and Stanley (2006) in their book state that in individual who studies English sentence structure and become skillful in listening and speaking but never become a competent writer is unlikely to make a good score in Structure and Written Expression. This section is also tests your

knowledge in grammar skills. In this part of test students mostly difficult in:

1. Adverb.

Based on the interview, Erika Rizky Maharani find it difficult to analyze these skill. Look at the following question:

Hydrogenation is common used during the

A B

manufacturing of food products where unsaturated

C D

fats and oil are converted to saturated fats and oil.

The sentence above is passive form combined with adverb. The answer is A, because *Common* is adjective, so it should change to *commonly* as adverb. The word *commonly* placed before main verb and after auxiliary verb. The place of adverb in passive form is different when it is placed in active form.

2. Articles.

Based on the interview, Diah Nur Istiqomah find it difficult to analyze these skill. Look at the following question:

W. Somerset Maugham's best-known novel of

A

Human Bondage, is a partially fictionalized

B

account of a unhappy youth.

C D

In this question students should notice the beginning letter of *unhappy* is vowel word. Then, the sentence should read, “W. Somerset Maugham’s best-known novel, *of Human Bondage*, is a partially fictionalized account of an unhappy youth”. Therefore, students should answer (C).

3. Problem with Noun.

Based on the interview, Lisa Kustia Ningsih find it difficult to analyze these skill. Look at the following question:

The price silver rose to \$50.05 per troy ounce in

A B

January 1980 and then fell to \$10.80 two month

C D

later.

In this question students should watch very carefully for singular and plural. Two is indicates the plural and at the question doesn’t end s. Then, the sentence should read, “The price of silver

rose to \$50.05 per troy ounce in January 1980 and then fell to \$10.80 two months later”. Therefore, student should answer (D).

4. Parallel Structure

Based on the interview, Atiqotun Maghfira find it difficult to analyze these skill. Look at the following question:

The fiction writer, poetry, and critic Edgar Allan

A

Poe is among the most familiar of American writers

B

C

and one of the most enigmatic people.

D

Parallel structure is the pattern of the class of word that takes the same word class. Word poetry is not parallel with critic and writer, those two words indicate to people who write and criticize while word poetry is noun, but it doesn't indicate to people who write poetry, it should be replaced by Poet (person noun). So the right answer is (A).

5. Preposition.

Based on the interview, Marzuki Fadli find it difficult to analyze these skill. Look at the following question:

Most studies suggest that people agree on where the

A

boundaries are, regardless on the color terms used in

B

C

D

their own language.

Regardless has bound preposition *of*, bound preposition is pair which banded to verb, noun and adjective. Regardless should be joined by preposition *of*. Therefore student should answer (C).

2. Factors that Influence Students Difficult in Structure and Written Expression

Difficulties could appear included by teaching process itself and it happens because students experience situations that are caused by their own problems so that it is difficult to implement. According to Richards (1971), there are two factors influencing students mistakes in structure, they are inter-lingua errors, inter-lingua errors, and developmental errors. Here are factors that cause students difficult to answer Structure and Written Expression question:

1. The Students have no many occasions to study more about the lesson, the trick and the strategy, at the other side some students did not do its time well. So that the students feel difficult to find out the right answer. These happen because students haven't much time to study about trick and the strategy. In completing the test, understanding the trick and strategy become something that should be mastered before the test, test taker may not rely on the knowledge of language itself, it must be balanced with mastering the trick and strategy. Having little time to study more comes

because the students don't put their fully attention to study the trick and strategy or even the lesson related with the test.

2. The students didn't pay attention of teacher's explanation. So that some students also didn't understand what teacher has been explained in the class. It happen because not all students want to broaden the lesson and something related with the test so that it causes student didn't pay attention to teacher's explanation. It is also caused because teacher didn't push and engage students' spirit to broaden the lesson and everything related with the test.
3. The students carelessness of the direction. Some students underestimate the direction. They didn't read first and choose the wrong answer. Oftentimes they fooled by the exercises because didn't understand more of the directions. Answering the question directly in the test is commonly doing by some students, students think that reading the direction of the test is just to waste the time so that students directly answer the question ignoring the direction. This becomes the biggest mistake of the test taker.
4. The Students opinion that Structure and Written Expression was the most difficult part, because it consist more than 55 skills in 40 numbers, and most students are not good in vocabulary. Structure has more skill than other part, it needs students who want to take the English test should master all part or skill in the structure, from the simple pattern until the hardest pattern of structure. Having poor vocabulary cause students difficult to understand the question and determine the best answer. In

answering structure and written expression question, the students should be accurate in guessing the question whether the question about the tense, gerund, and etc. knowing part of skill the question should be firstly done by the students before answering the question.

5. Lack of preparation. The English Proficiency Test is a test that has a high enough level. Therefore, preparation before the test must be done in advance. Many students think that the test as just an ordinary English test, so they take it easy and don't think too much about material preparation problems and so on. Lack of preparation makes the test taker in low score of the test, preparation in the test is not only about the material but also it is about mental to prepare by the test taker. Good mental influences the score of the test and manages the time during the test well.