

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

The discussion method is one of the methods carried out by teachers where students are given the opportunity to hold scientific talks to gather opinions make conclusions or compile various alternative problems. As we can see from the *QS. Ash-Shura Verse 38* below:

وَالَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِرَبِّهِمْ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَمْرُهُمْ شُورَى بَيْنَهُمْ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ

By discussing we can learn to express opinions and respond to other people's opinions properly to achieve the expected goals. Allah SWT also reminded in his words that in deliberation we should convey opinions and argue with other people's opinions in a good way. *QS QS. An-Nahl Verse 125*:

ادْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَجَادِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ

The impact of the Covid 19 pandemic in 2020 in Indonesia has begun to penetrate the world of education. The central and regional governments provide policies to close all educational institutions. This was done in an effort to prevent the spread of the corona virus. It is hoped that with all educational institutions not carrying out activities as usual, this can minimize the spread of the Covid 19 disease. The same thing has been done by various countries affected by the Covid 19 disease, the lockdown or quarantine policy was carried out in an effort to reduce the interaction of many people who can provide access to the spread of the corona virus. The spread of the corona virus initially had a huge impact on the economic world which was starting to sluggish, but now the impact is also being felt by the world of education. The policies taken by many countries including Indonesia by closing all educational activities have made the government and related institutions have to present an alternative educational process for students and students who cannot carry out the educational process at educational institutions.

Policy adjustments during the corona pandemic also have an impact on policies in universities. The Chancellor of UIN Antasari issued Circular Number 367 / Un.14 / HM.01 / 03/2020 concerning Efforts to Prevent the Spread of the COVID-19 Virus (CORONA) in the UIN Antasari Environment. This circular from the Chancellor of UIN Antasari appeared on the basis of following up on the circular from the Secretary General of the Ministry of Religion Number 13/2020 on March 4, 2020 concerning

Early Precautions, Preparedness, and Anticipatory Measures for the Prevention of COVID-19 Infection in the Ministry of Religion, Director's Circular General of Islamic Education Number 657/03/2020 dated March 16, 2020 concerning Efforts to Prevent the Spread of the COVID-19 Virus in Higher Education Environments, and the Circular of the Governor of South Kalimantan Number 440/414/TU.PIMSETDA.

Academic activities are also carried out online. The development of information and communication technology has had an influence in the world of education in Indonesia, especially in the learning process. One indication of this phenomenon is a shift in the learning process where the interaction between educators and students is not only carried out through face-to-face relationships but also carried out with communication media such as computers, the internet, and so on. According to Ade Kusuma, online lectures are a learning process that utilizes information technology, in this case utilizing the internet as a method of delivery, interaction and facilitation. It includes learning support services that can be used by learning participants.

Group 2 students of English Language Development Unit at UIN Antasari Banjarmasin uses the discussion method in the teaching and learning process which emphasizes students to think critically and find solutions to problems that arise in understanding subjects according to students' own knowledge so that students sharpen in these subjects, especially English language lessons.

B. Research Questions

Based on the background of the study, there are some research questions which are worth to investigate:

1. How discord provide as an online learning discussion?
2. How students and lecturer responses the use of Discord application in online learning discussion?

C. Objectives of Study

Based on the research question, this research has three objectives:

1. To understand the use of Discord as an online learning discussion.
2. To know the students and lecturer response using discord application for online discussion.

D. Significance of Study

The study is expected to be useful for the following parties:

1. For English Teacher

This research can contribute when agreed. From this research, English teachers can get hands-on experience, knowledge, and insights on how to use discord for online learning. Teachers can use discord for online learning as an alternative method to help students improve their ability to support words. In addition, this research is expected to motivate and encourage them to develop their creativity in the teaching and learning process.

2. For Student

This research is expected to provide students with alternative methods that can be used in online learning.

3. For Further Researcher

The results of this study are expected to be used as a reference for conducting research in the same field.

E. Definition of Key Terms

To avoid misunderstanding the researcher gives some key terms which are following, the key terms are used for clarifications or gives as follow:

1. Discussion

Discussion is two or more people interacting with each other are interdependent and they have the same goal of solving the problems they found, each member is expected to express their opinion for problem solving and they themselves will make decisions as a solution or solution to their problems.

2. Online Learning

Online learning is experiential learning using digital networks to facilitate, learn and discuss. Live Online learning does not require face-to-face meetings at a physical location.

3. Discord

Discord is an application that can send and receive text, voice, and video. Whether you are part of a school club, gaming group, worldwide arts community, or just a handful of friends looking to kill time, Discord makes it easy to talk every day and hang out more often.