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ABSTRACT

The present study entitled "**Study of 'Mother Figure' from Discoursal Perspective**" attempts to present a Library research and find out the social and human issues in the drama Mother Figure, by analyzing the utterances of male and female characters, on the theoretical background of discoursal perspective and determined the social context of the spoken utterances. The study was carried out by using secondary sources of data only. The major tool for data collection was checklist. The major findings of the research showed that often 'mothers' tend to be real mothers in their speech rather than a normal adults.

This thesis is composed of four chapters and each chapter is divided into necessary heading and sub-headings. Chapter one deals with general background, review of related literature, objectives, and significance of the study. Chapter two includes methodology of the study, sources of data, sampling procedure, tools for data collection, process of data collection, and limitations of the study. Chapter three consists of analysis and interpretation of the collected data. Chapter four discusses the findings and recommendations based on the analysis and interpretation of this study. Reference and appendices also follow the fourth chapter.

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