

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

A. Conclusions

After analyzing and describing the meaning of sign in the *tepung tawar* offer ceremony in Tanjungbalai Malay, the conclusion drew as follows:

1. There were 12 meanings found in the *tepung tawar* ceremony, namely: Level of social status, unity and agreement, harmony, sacrifice, generation, happiness, eternal victory, coolness, name fragrance, growth, fertility, and mediator.
2. The general purpose of the semiotic interpretation was to find out how the meanings realized in the *tepung tawar* offer ceremony. There were 12 sign found in the *tepung tawar* offer ceremony that consist of 3 icons, namely: *balai*, *merawal* and *puncak balai*. Then, 1 index was *Telangkai* and 8 symbols namely: sticky rice, kernel (shredded coconut), meat, egg, water, *potpourri*, *bertih* and rice.
3. The reason of Malay people for realizing the meaning because of some certain contexts and situations, both in terms of individual or social contexts. Those certain situations accompanied by sentences as the expressions of someone's approval and pray for the bridegroom. In addition, Malay people believed that *tepung tawar* was an expression of gratitude to God for something they have gotten. Thus, they considered that *tepung tawar* must be carried out in wedding ceremony, *khitanan*, etc.

B. Suggestions

Based on the conclusion above, the suggestions were needed to be considered in conducting the related research. The suggestions were as follows:

1. It is suggested that the students of English Literature should learn more about semiotic interpretation in culture, especially about the meanings displayed on the *tepung tawar* offer ceremony.
2. It is suggested for the reader who wants to know how semiotic realized in the *tepung tawar* offer ceremony in Tanjungbalai Malay.
3. It is suggested that Malay societies in Tanjungbalai should be understood the reason for realizing the meanings in the *tepung tawar* offer ceremony.