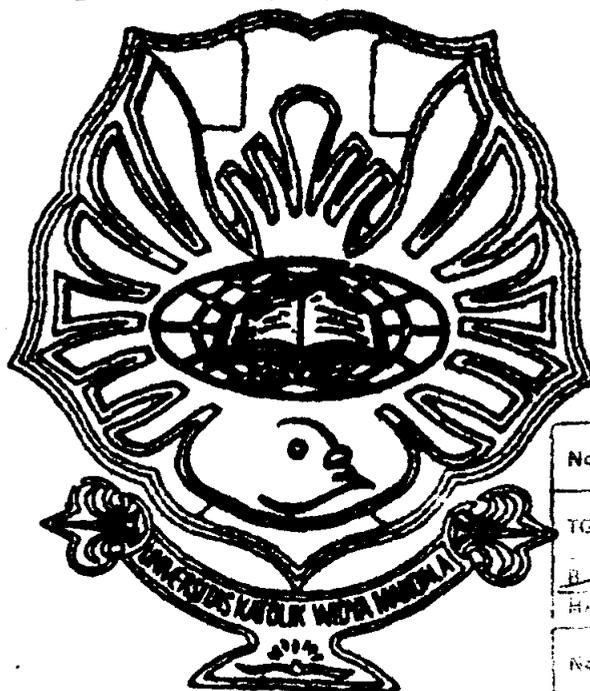


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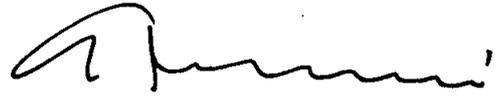
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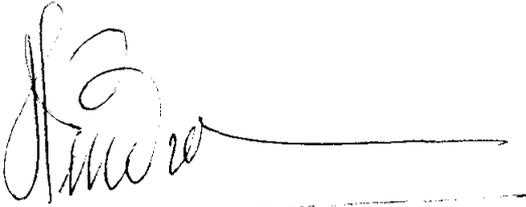
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## ABSTRACT

During the teaching-learning practice (PPL), the writer found that most students of the sixth semester at SMA YPPI-I got difficulties in learning English grammar. One of the difficulties is Elliptical Construction. Realizing this fact, the writer conducted a research on it at SMP YPPI-I because Elliptical Construction is firstly given in the third year of SMP. Besides that it is also considered that English at SMP is basic.

The major objective of this study is to find out the error patterns made by the third year students of SMP YPPI-I Surabaya.

This major objective can be divided into four sub-objectives: (1) to find out the error pattern of 'so' made by the students, (2) to find out the error pattern of 'too' made by the students, (3) to find out the error pattern of 'either' made by the students, (4) to find out the error pattern of 'neither' made by the students.

This study can be categorized as a descriptive study, for the reason that in this study the writer attempts to identify, analyze, describe, classify the errors and their types as well as their frequency of occurrence. Thus, this study will describe the grammatical errors made by the third year students of SMP YPPI-I.

The try out test was given in III C On August 19, 1991 at SMP YPPI-I. The real tests were given in III A and III B On August 27 1991 at SMP YPPI-I.

Having analyzed, classified, and counted the errors encountered, the writer found out that most error type which had been made by the students is error of substitution ( 84,23 % ), followed by error of omission ( 13,18% ), errors of addition ( 1,93% ) and finally error of wrong order ( 0,66% ).

From the findings aforementioned, the writer found that some grammatical errors that are mostly made by the third year students are related to tenses, agreement, modal and conjunction used in Elliptical Construction. Under this point of view, it can be said that the third year students of SMP YPPI-I Surabaya still had difficulties in constructing Elliptical Construction.

Knowing the problem that the students faced in learning Elliptical Construction, English teachers should give additional exercises. By doing this their students can master the Elliptical Construction better.