





discourse analysis is concerned with the study of the relationship between language and the context which it is used. It means that, discourse analysis not only discuss about language but also the context. Moreover, Abrams and Harpham (2005) explains Discourse Analysis concerns itself with the use of language in a running discourse, continued over a number of sentences, and involving the interaction of speaker (writer) and the auditor (reader) in a specific situational context, and within a framework of social and cultural conventions.

In conclusion, discourse analysis is study of language use in the form of written discourse or spoken discourse. Discourse analysis also is learns and analyzes of forms of language which contain sentences and involving interaction people in spoken with utterances and interaction in written within the context, social and cultural framework. Because that, the function of language under the discussion of discourse analysis.

### **2.3 Language functions**

Language functions are the ways to know and understand meaning from the speaker to the readers. Cook (1989, pg.24) explains language functions as the functions which is the sender of a message intends to achieve with it. According to Savignon (1983) states a language function as ‘the use to which language is put, the purpose of an utterance rather than the particular grammatical form an utterance takes’. It means that, we use language functions to achieve communication process.









## 2.5 Presidential Debate

Debate is a process in which people try to give their argument for opposing a conflict. Debate is a method of formal situation to give an argument with a disciplined manner. A debate consists of contestant arguing opposite sides of a specific proposition or resolution in order to win the adherence of listeners (Lee and Lee, 1898, p.25). Debate are divided into two kinds, there are formal debate and informal debate. Formal debate between candidates for elected office, such as the leader debates that are sometimes held in democracies or candidate of president. Informal or forum debate is relatively shown by TV show such as America talk show and other talk show. Presidential debate is the kind of formal debate because consist of candidate of President in a country. Presidential debate is the same with political debate. Presidential debate contain attributes consistent with all three definitions. In essence, these definitions provide three requisites for debate: (1) participants are on opposing a conflict; (2) participant to a formalized set of rules to present their ideas and opinions; (3) a third party is the target of candidate messages.

According to Freeley and Steinberg (2008, p.368) proposed that presidential debates are a new tradition in America history. Debate between presidential candidates are now well established in election.

The issue of presidential debate to make the better president, senator, governor, others are not formally stated. All of questions asked for candidates during the debate must cooperative to answer the question. The characteristics of presidential debate is must be viewed within the context of the total campaign not



the others. Questions, responses, and positions taken do not begin or end with the political debate. The presidential debates have specific purposes to each people. The purpose of candidates it is an opportunity to discuss their agendas and to demonstrate their leadership potential if they win this campaign. The purpose of the panelist it is an opportunity to raise issues and positions they consider important or they perceive as being important to voters. The purpose of the public, the debates are as the one opportunity in the campaign to view the candidates for an extended period of time in a live situation without a formal script. The public can make judgments about their ability to articulate the direction they would take if elected.

## **2.6 Previous Studies**

Previous study is given to show the similarities and differences between this research and another research. There are three review the previous that related in this research. The first previous studied is Saphira (2015), she analyzed Language Function Found in Novel by Ika Natassa Entitled “Antologi Rasa”. She used Roman Jakobson theory and used qualitative approach by used document analysis to analyze the data. She found 142 utterances which consist of 32 emotive functions, 29 conative functions, 28 phatic functions, 53 referential functions, and there is no poetic function and metalinguistic function used by the main characters in the novel.

The second previous studied has done by Supriyono (2015), he analyzed Language Function Found in Mizone Fres in Television Commercial. He used Hymes and Gumperz’s theory (1964) and used qualitative approach. He found out three of eight functions of language. Those are directive function, phatic function

and referential function. Referential function is the most frequently used function that contained some information. He also found double function that exist in one utterance.

The last previous studied done by Alfina (2015), she analyzed Language Functions Used by the Main Character in “The Pacifier” Movie. She used Holmes’s theory to analyze language function and also used Hymes’s theory to explain the context of the language function in “The Pacifier” Movie. She found out seven types from eight types of language functions categorized by Holmes, they are; expressive, directive, referential, metalinguistic, phatic, heuristic and commissive functions of language. She also found out the context of the use of language functions, they are; setting, participants, ends, act sequences, key, instrumentalities, norms and genre.

In conclusion, the similarities of the previous studies and this present research are the kind of language functions and the language function mostly used. Meanwhile the differences between the previous studies and this present research are subject, theory and the research problem because the second research problem is the meaning behind language functions used by Hillary Clinton in The Presidential Debates of United State of America 2016 and used Jakobson’s theory (1960).