

D. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

D.1. Instrument of Data Collection

For this study, the researcher used a close-ended questionnaire. The questionnaire used in this study consisted of 14 questions, which originally consisted of 54 questions from the previous studies by Kourous & Abrami (2006). The researcher only took fourteen questions included in the questionnaire, i.e. questions 1 through 14 (please see the Appendix). The researcher only took several questions which related to the point that she wanted to investigate. The point of the questionnaire was to collect data about the student's perception toward group work assessment. The researcher chose a close-ended questionnaire since the researcher could easily collect the data from the participants.

D.2. Data Collection Procedure

The data were collected by following some procedures. First, before collecting the actual and valid data, the researcher did piloting in SMP N 3 Salatiga to check the students' real answers and ensure the questionnaires were clear enough to be understood and appropriate to be done in this setting. It was very important to check students' answers to get the valid data before distributing the questionnaire to the real participants. In SMP N 3 Salatiga, the questionnaires were only distributed for two classes with each of class consist of 25 students. Based on the results of the piloting, the participants did very well in demonstrating that the questionnaires were clear and appropriate to be distributed to other students (such as in SMP Lab) to acquire the actual and valid data. Second, the researcher asked the English teacher at SMP Lab to get permission and set the date and the time for distributing questionnaires. In this

research the researcher distributed 70 questionnaires to collect the data from the students of SMP Laboratorium UKSW Salatiga. There were three classes of the eighth grade, each consisting of approximately 20-25 students. Before distributing the questionnaire, the researcher gave clear instructions and explanation about the purpose of questionnaire and how to fill out the questionnaire. The researcher gave 7-10 minutes to fill out the questionnaire at the beginning of English class. Following this, the researcher collected the questionnaire and classified the data from the students. Finally, the researcher found out the students' perceptions and students' feelings toward group work assignment.

D.3. Data Analysis Procedure

After the questionnaires were collected, The researcher analyzed and classified the data of the questionnaire according to the research questions and participants' answer based on choice description of strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree.