

PREFACE

This thesis, entitled “Exploring the Role of Character.AI in EFL Students’ Language Learning: A Case Study” aims to fulfill the requirement for getting *Sarjana Pendidikan* degree at the English Education Department, Faculty of Educational Sciences and Teachers’ Training, Universitas Siliwangi, Tasikmalaya.

This thesis comprises background information, a literature review, a methodology, and findings and discussion. The background information provides the context of the research, followed by the research gap, formulation of the problem, significance of the research, and aims of the research. The literature review presents the theories used in this study, as well as reviews of relevant previous studies. Furthermore, this study employed a descriptive case study design. The data were collected through semi-structured interviews and analyzed using Braun and Clarke’s thematic analysis framework (2006). The findings revealed three main themes: Character.AI as a Language Practice Partner, Character.AI as a Language Development Tool, and Character.AI as a Personalized Learning Platform.

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