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ABSTRAK

Kajian ini membincangkan mengenai faktor yang mendorong kepada gejala keruntuhan akhlak di kalangan remaja. Untuk memperolehi data, penulis telah menggunakan kaedah soal selidik terhadap remaja lelaki dan perempuan di Sekolah Tunas Bakti (Jerantut). Data yang diperolehi dianalisis menggunakan cara diskriptif. Oleh itu, pelbagai faktor telah dikenalpasti yang menyebabkan berlakunya gejala keruntuhan akhlak, antaranya ialah kurang perhatian daripada ibubapa, sikap ingin mencuba, faktor kemiskinan, pergaulan bebas, pengaruh rakan sebaya, pengaruh persekitaran dan sebagainya. Di samping itu juga, penulis telah mengkaji mengenai salahlaku yang sering dilakukan oleh remaja. Antara salahlaku-salahlaku tersebut ialah penagihan dadah, mencuri, merompak, pergaulan bebas, gangsterism, ponteng sekolah dan sebagainya. Hasil kajian ini menunjukkan bahawa faktor utama yang menyebabkan berlakunya gejala keruntuhan akhlak ialah pergaulan bebas serta terpengaruh dengan video lucah. Mengikut hasil kajian ini juga salahlaku yang sering dilakukan oleh mereka ialah ponteng sekolah, lepak serta sering lari dari rumah yang menyebabkan mereka terdedah kepada gejala keruntuhan akhlak. Manakala kesan yang diterima oleh remaja setelah terlibat dalam gejala keruntuhan akhlak ialah remaja ini tidak mendapat perhatian daripada ibubapa. Jadi, ini menjadi tanggungjawab kita bersama untuk mengatasi masalah ini.

ABSTRACT

This survey discusses factors that instigate moral deterioration among the teenagers. To get the data, the writer has used the questionnaire survey towards male and female teenagers at Sekolah Tunas Bakti (Jerantut). Data have been analysed descriptively. Various factors are known to cause this issues, among them are lack of parental care, interest to try something new, poverty, inappropriate socialization, influence from peers, environment and so on. Besides that, the author surveys about the wrong doings done by the teenagers, where these wrong doing also cause immorality among them. Among the wrong doings are drug addiction, theft, robbery, inappropriate socialization, gangsterism, truancy and others. The result of this research shows that the main factor that causes moral deterioration are inappropriate socialization and the influence of porn video compact disc (VCD). Some of the wrong doings by teenagers are playing truant, loafing and running away from home. Moreover, the effect to the teenagers after involving in moral deterioration is that they do not get attention from their parents. So it is our responsibility to overcome these problems.

ملخص البحث

يتناول هذا البحث عن العوامل التي تؤدي الانحلال الخلقي لدى الشباب. غرضاً في جمع المعلومات, لقد استخدمت الكاتبة المنهج المبدأني بأن تورع اوراقه الاستبيانات على الشباب في مدرسة تونس بقتي (جرتوت). اليوم, ومن بين هذه العوامل هي نقص الاهتمام من الوالدين والشعور لمحاولة الشيء وضغوط الفقر الإختلاط بدون الحدود والتأثر من الأصدقاء والبيئة وغير ذلك. بجانب ذلك, لقد بحثت الكاتبة عن فعليات سيئة وشائعة عند الشباب التي تسبب المشاكل كشرب المخدرات والسرقه والتهريب والإختلاط بدون الحدود والزعرنة والغياب عن الدراسة وغيرها. ومن أهم النتائج التي توصلت اليها الباحثة هي أن العامل الرئيسي الذي يدفع الى انحلال الأخلاق لدى الشباب هو الإختلاط بين الرجل والمرأة من غير حدود وتأثرهم من الأفلام الخليعة. وكذلك مشكلة الغياب عن الدراسة, والتسكع, تهريب من البيوت. وأما والآثار التي قبلها الشباب بعد وقوعهم في الانحلال الخلقي هي عدم الاهتمام من والديهم وحب الانفرد والخلوة. ولذلك فإن مسؤولية علاج هذه المشاكل توضع على كتفينا جميعاً.

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GLOSSARY

- Al-Quran:** the Holy Book revealed by Allah (swt) to Prophet Muhammad (saw).
- Khuluqun:** way of life, a person's character, disposition, nature, habitual, behaviour. Aishah repeatedly stressed of the Prophet that his way of life (Khuluq) was the Qur'an.
- Prophet Muhammad:** Muhammad b. Abd Allah was the Prophet and Founder of Islam and that faith's most important and significant messenger.
- SAW:** Peace Be Upon Him.
- SWT:** Stands for 'Subhanahu wa Ta'ala'--- 'may He be praised and His lordship of creation affirmed'—words frequently said after using the name of God.

TRANSLITERATION TABLE
ARABIC WORDS TRANSLITERATION SYSTEM

1. ALPHABET

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
ء	,	فار	fa`r
ب	b	برد	burd
ت	t	تَلّ	tall
ث	th	ثوب	thawb
ج	j	جدار	jidār
ح	h	حليب	halīb
خ	kh	خادم	khādim
د	d	ديك	dīk
ذ	dh	ذهب	dhahab
ر	r	رفيق	rafīq
ز	z	زميل	zamīl
س	s	سلام	salām
ش	sh	شعب	sha`b
ص	s	صخر	sakhr
ض	d	ضيق	dayq
ط	t	طازخ	tālib
ظ	z	ظالم	zālim
ع	c	عقل	°aql
غ	gh	غلام	ghulām
ف	f	فيل	fil
ق	q	قلب	qalb
ك	k	كلام	kalām
ل	l	لَبّ	lubb

م	m	مال	māl
ن	n	نجم	najm
هـ	h	هول	hawl
و	w	ورق	waraq
ي	y	يم	yamm

2. Short Vowel

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
_____	a	كتب	kataba
_____	i	علم	°alima
_____	u	غلب	ghuliba

3. Long Vowel

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
أ, آ, إ	ā	عالم, فتى	°ālim, fatā
ي	ī	علم, داعي	°alīm, dā°ī
و	ū	علوم, أدعو	°ulūm, Ad°ū

4. Diphthong

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
و	aw	نوم	nawn
ي	ay	ليل	layl
ي	iy	شافعي	shāfi°iy (ending)
و	uww	علو	°uluww (ending)

5. Exemptions

5.1 Arabic letter ء (hamzah) found at the beginning of a word is transliterated to the letter “a” and not to ’ .

Example: أكبر transliterated to: akbar (not ‘akbar).

5.2 Arabic letter ة (ta’ marbutah) found in a word without ال (al) which is coupled with another word that contains ال (al) at the beginning of it is transliterated to the letter “ t ”

Example: مكتبة الإمام transliterated to: maktabat al-imām.

However if the Arabic letter ة (ta’ marbutah) found in a word with ال (al), in a single word or in the last word in a sentence, it is transliterated to the letter “ h ” .

Example: المكتبة الأهلية transliterasi: al maktabah al-ahliyyah
قلعة qal‘ah
دار وهبة dār wahbah

ABBREVIATIONS

ed.	editor
n.a.	no author
p.	page
pp.	pages
S.A.W	salla Allāh ^ḥ alayh wa sallam
S.W.T	subhānahu wa ta ^ḥ ālā
vol.	volume

CHAPTER
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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1) RESEARCH BACKGROUND

Moral is an important foundation in human life. It includes a person's good behaviour that reflects his personality. As we know, impolitenesses are rampant among teenagers nowadays. This problem involves teenagers aged between 13-25 years old that commit all sorts of social offence that lead to moral deterioration.

We heard and read a lot about offences done by teenagers' through the mass media and this case often become the main topic of discussions in the society. Some of these teenagers are involved in crimes such as drug abuse, playing truant, loitering, theft, robbery and others. Moral deterioration is not a new issue in the process of development. Even the prophet was sent to human kind to correct this problem. Usually moral deterioration happens in all walks of life but in different forms. If we look at the problem from a wider scope, moral deterioration among teenagers is actually a direct manifestation of moral deterioration among adults. For example, a neglected child is a result of parent who neglects their responsibilities towards their children. Society that is not prepared spiritually, physically, emotionally and intellectually will be shocked with the sudden development process in life. This phenomenon is known as future shock which is different from culture shock. Future shock is a condition in which the individual is forced by the environment to change his way of life due to the change of social environment.

Some are influenced and finally trapped in many types of unhealthy social life. Here we don't put the blame on development. This is because even though we believe that development is important, human development is important too.

Both should support each other as not to destruct it. Besides development, there are other factors that influence the involvement of teenagers in social problems. Among the factors are inappropriate socialization, peer group influence, parent's negligence towards their children, curiosity, influence of mass media and others. Various steps have been taken to overcome this problem but only a small number of teenagers are aware and follow it.

Inappropriate socialization is the main foundation contributing to moral deterioration among teenagers. Inappropriate socialization refers to unlimited socializing between boys and girls which causes a lot of immoral problems (Zakaria Stapa,1991). As we know moral deterioration got even worse when a group of seven teenagers including four girls were arrested by Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (JAIS) because of their involvement in a sexual party in Shah Alam on July 7, 2003. Another worrying case is a sexual fiesta one weekend which involved several girl students of an Institute of Higher Learning (Dewan Siswa, March 2003). Indeed today's society has labeled moral deterioration crisis especially among teenagers has reached a critical and serious stage.

Parent negligence in bringing up their children also contributes to moral deterioration. Most of them ignore their responsibilities towards their children. Another factor that causes immorality is the curiosity in the teenagers. Besides that, peer group influence also leads to moral deterioration among teenagers nowadays.

However, total support and 100 percent cooperation from parents, guardian, family members, neighbours and society members play an important role in guiding and teaching the children to the right path. The involvement of the authorities such as the security department, government, judiciary and others also vital in achieving good moral among teenagers (Ahmad Musadad Hj.Sulaiman, 1992).

1.2) PROBLEM STATEMENT

Eventhough various steps were taken to overcome moral deterioration among teenagers, there is still a large number of them involved in unhealthy social activities which lead to moral deterioration. As we know, this phenomenon not only affects individuals, society but the country as well.

Among the negative social behaviour often done by teenagers are murder, robbery, theft, drug abuse, smoking, truancy, loitering, abandoning babies and others. This problem has become an interesting discussion topic. In (Dewan Siswa, March 2003) Azariyanty Khalid in her article quoted those teenager activities are becoming more extreme when teenagers aged between 10-18 were arrested by police because of their involvement in a fire at Sekolah Menengah Kulai Besar (SMKB) Johor on July 27 1999. Moral deterioration, especially among teenagers has reached a critical and serious stage.

This phenomenon not only involves Malay teenagers but also correlates to Chinese and Indians students. However comparatively, moral deterioration problem which is becoming very critical involves mainly Malay students. Therefore, as a conclusion, this research is done to identify the factors that cause immorality among teenagers, to know the types of offence often done by them and to find out the effects of this phenomenon.

1.2.1 Aims of research

The aim of this research is to identify and obtain information on the factors that cause moral deterioration among teenagers nowadays.

1.2.2 Research Objective

- 1) To identify the factors that cause moral deterioration among teenagers nowadays.

- 2) To identify the types of offence often done by teenagers.
- 3) To get the opinions of the teenagers on the effect of moral deterioration to themselves and their families after involving in this phenomena.

1.2.3 Research Questionnaire

- 1) What are the factors that cause moral deterioration among teenagers?
- 2) What are the types of offence often done by teenagers?
- 3) What are the effects of moral deterioration to the teenagers and their families?

1.2.4 Definition of concept and operational.

According to “Kamus Dewan” (2000) destruction comes from the word “Destruct” which means total demoralization. Where the word “moral” comes from the Arabic language “*khuluqun*” which means behaviour, habit and manner. Word “*Khalqun*” means incident. The word moral shows how the close the relationship between humans and Allah, where good and bad behaviour is fixed by Allah for human kind. This is the meaning of moral from the Islamic point of view (Zuhriah Muhammad Juoi, 2001). Psychologist Powel (1963) defines teenagers as a period of time where a person reaches his maturity.

Offence means activities or actions that are against the law. In this research, the types of offence that are often done by teenagers is murder, drug abuse, vandalism, loitering, play truancy, gangsterism, theft, rape, robbery, abandoning babies and others. Actually the teenagers are aware that the offences they commit have negative effects on themselves. Among the effects are being hated by their family, the relationship between the children and parents are affected and there is no more love between the teenagers and their families. Thus, this situation plays an important role in encouraging the teenagers to commit the offence which lead to moral deterioration.

According to (Ahmad Musadad Hj.Sulaiman, 1992), teenagers are a person after children's age and before they become an adult. Generally they are people aged around 15 to 25 years old, he also states teenagers as follows the word "adolescence" which originates from Greece which means developing to the maturity stage. The development process includes physiology, body organism and others. In this research, teenagers refer to those who are in Sekolah Tunas Bakti (Jerantut). As we know the teenagers are in this school because of various offences. They usually commit the offences that are against the law.

According to "Kamus Dewan" (2000), families are persons that are genetically related to one another. In this research, family includes parents, siblings and relatives. On a whole, moral deterioration among teenagers refers to the decrease of good value and kindness among them. It also includes behavioral crisis, dignity, disciplines, physical and emotional action.

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CHAPTER II

LITERATURE REVIEW

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the writer tries to discuss again the results from the former surveys or researchers and writers about this topic. Some of the discussed matters are about the wrong doings or mis behavior by teenagers. Among them are murder, theft, abandoning babies, rape, vandalism, gangsters, inappropriate socialization and many more. The writer also tries to discuss on former surveys about the factors that are known such as lack of parental care, influence from peers and the environmental situation.

Furthermore, the writer tries to look for the ideas, suggestions and ways to curb what had been started by the former surveys and writers about this topic.

2.1) THE MEANING OF MORAL

Hassan (1991) defines the word "*moral*" as originating from the Arabic language meaning, polite behavior, habit and normal tradition.

According to Abdul Rashid Ahmad (1996), "*moral*" is a source that is deep in the soul that causes action without needing to think if the source causes good doings towards ideas, so it is called good morality. On the other hand, if it causes bad doings so it is called bad morality. According to him, moral also means behaviour, politeness and moral value.

Thus, it includes external action from internal encouragement in the human beings. Moral has close relations with faith. Good morality is a complete manifestation. Weak or strong faith of someone can be measured from their moral actions. Thus, strong faith can form good morality. Whereas, weak faith will cause bad morality and behavior and will easily indulge in unfruitful activities that will not be effective to one and others.

2.1.1) The standard and importance of morality in Islam.

According to Fadhilah A.Alim and Muhamad A.Shahbudin (1999) in their book states that moral is a very important thing in our lives. Moral is a mirror that can reflect the human beings. Moral is also a measurement for someone to estimate themselves, either it can bring love or hate to themselves. So, moral is very important for someone mostly to a leader. In this matter, The Prophet S.A.W who was successful as a leader because of his morality. All human beings in the world cannot be compared to the prophet's moral standings. As Allah said “And thou (standest) on an exalted standard of character” (Al-Qur'an. Al-Qalam 68:4).¹

2.2) THE MEANING OF TEENAGERS ACCORDING TO ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

According to Mohammad Daud Hamzah (1994) states that teenagers are the further revolution of time from the childhood stage to the adult stage faced by human beings. At this stage, an individual will face different roles and hopes during childhood. As teenagers they are more responsible and dominant in their relations with other people.

Mohd Amin H.A.Shariff (1998) in his book states that teenager stage is a stage that shows the end of childhood characters, physically or psychology. This stage is normally known as a time when there is a certain remark that shows the ending of childhood years and the starting of the new era before adult and pre-adult hood. This stage is also known as the revolution stage. At this time various processes happen

¹ . All Quranic translations in this writing are based on Abdullah Yūsuf Alī. 2000. The Holy Qur'an, Text, Translation and Commentary. Kuala Lumpur. Saba Islamic Media Sdn. Bhd.

physically or psychologically. Generally, the teenagers' stage starts when a boy or a girl is an adolescent. The teenagers' development for human being is the same throughout the world mostly in the physical development. Developments in psychology are usually influenced by the environmental factor.

S.Mohammed Hatta (1994) states that teenagers is the revolution of children and adult starting at the age of 12 and ending at the age of 16 or 18. At the ending teenager stage, individuals will step in to the adult age and lastly reach the age of 25.

2.2.1) The meaning of teenagers according to western psychologist

Among the people that describe the development is G.Stanely Hall 1846-1924 (Mohd Amin H.A Shariff, 1998) who says that the teenager stage is a stage of "Storm and Stress" affected by the cause of the changes biologically and psychologist. He found that this stage is a time when teenagers face frustration, show the unstable emotions and fail to have suitable emotions.

2.3) FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO MORAL DETERIORATION

There are some factors known to influence teenagers involving problems in manners problems. Among the cause are the teenager's attitude, family and parents' factors, influence by peers, poverty, the mass-media and the negative ways of life such as rock culture, punk and close mind cultures.

A survey from Jas Laile Suzana (1994) finds that the teenagers attitude that cause the factor of manners towards themselves. She tries to connect the self-defense with teenagers running away from home. The result is teenagers who runaway from home have low self perception.

Branch (1997), also supports this survey, it is a survey which shows the significance related between low self-conception with undiscipline in the class. This survey is done towards students' self-conception with disciplined students. The result of the

survey shows that, the undisciplined student has low self-conception whereas the disciplined student has positive self-conception.

A survey by Mohd Amin H.A.Shariff (1998), in his book states that the factors that cause them to indulge in immorality are because they are weak and lack of motivation to the responsibilities given.

According to Zakaria Stapa (1998) in his survey, he said that the main cause of teenagers' immorality is inappropriate socialization among boys and girls. During this time the issues is very common until it causes great disasters, mostly with their manners and character. This disaster is caused from the free life-style without suitable rules in socializing.

The surveys made in our country show that inappropriate socialization is the main cause towards teenagers' immorality. So, this matter is clear enough with the survey towards problems of factory workers in Selangor that was done in 1995. The survey results found that 58% from the factory workers were involved in various contradictions such as immorality and free sex. The cause of that incentive towards the character is through the survey that is 39% influence by inappropriate socialization, 31% is by lack of religious knowledge and 30% is lack of parental care.

This statement agreed by Faridah Taib and Zuraidah Ali (1995) stating that, lately, inappropriate socialization among youngsters is a serious phenomena, rock and rap culture have influenced teenagers mostly in the city of Kuala Lumpur. City teenagers make great of the modern life that is encouraging to individualism. Religious value is not cared for anymore. It's really, the life quality of teenagers in the cities which is frightening. Family relationship is getting loose until it raises issues about teenagers running away from home because of boredom. Teenagers are having their own culture that is separating from the family members and the community. The culture of good manners and honesty has long been left behind. Besides that, their book also states that the main cause of immorality is family factors. The basic form of children actually starts in the house. The broken family institution that is common causes the children to lose their way of living without getting enough education. What happens

nowadays is the attitude of being luxurious has influenced the parents. They pay more attention towards their career and ignore their duties towards their children and depend to the maid. They leave everything to the maid until their children feel bored of the family institution that doesn't bring any meaning.

According to the opinion, parents like to accuse their children when they know of the immoral behaviour being done by them. The lack of communication with their children until making discussions at home changes to quarrels. Children's failures in their lessons make the relationship between the parents and children become further. So, in this matter, parents should educate their children about good or bad aspects. Searching for entertainment actually does not cause any problems because it's common among teenagers that they need entertainment. However, too much entertainment and social freedom will cause bad situations, but then again it depends on the parents.

According to (Harian Metro, 17 October 2003) the statement of Chief Instructor Puteri Umno Kemaman Division, Malissa Abu Solah states the attitude of some parents who ignore their children outdoor activities is among the causes of socialism among the teenagers are in dangers. She also states that more pro-active action should be taken to overcome the involvement of teenagers in the immoral activities that can destroy their future.

A survey from Marzulina Omar and Mazidah Ariffin (Pembimbing Ummah, September 2001) in their article states the family factor is one of the causes of teenagers' immorality. This is clearly proven where teenagers involved in juvenile delinquency are from broken families, not in peace, unfriendly parents and always cause quarrellings in the family such as controlled by parents, too aggressive parents, unequal love among children, abuse and so on. Thus, another factor as the main cause is divorce between parents that causes the children mostly teenagers, lack of care, love and have no place to turn to. Therefore, they always feel uneasy, perform badly in education and involve in various social problems that cause immorality among teenagers. To overcome this problem, the correct ways to bring up their children

should be practiced by parents mostly the Muslims. This matter includes paternal and maternal knowledge, because in Islam there are ways and procedures given.

According to research by Azariyanty Khalid (Dewan Siswa, Mac 2003) in her article states that, the lack of parental care towards daily activities of their children causes immorality among teenagers nowadays. Parents' attitude of trusting and giving freedom without actually observing the actual activities of their children. She also states that, working parents usually hope on the school to control their children, without knowing that time is very limited while their children are at school. Other than that, parents always measure the children's characteristics without looking at their personal moral standing. Other than that, husband and wife conflicts, family problems, also cause emotional tension to the teenagers that cause them to take it easy in solving problems. As we know, uncontrollable teenagers and no self-care by anyone at home can indulge in unfruitful activities like watching sex videos and that's why teenagers facing with family problems can indulge in drug additions, sex parties and many more unfruitful activities.

Lee Sue Han (Dewan Siswa, January 2003), states that the main factor that causes immorality among teenagers is the teenagers attitude themselves who want to show their violence or grandness. They do not want to be controlled and looked down by the community.

According to the research by Rohaty Mohd Majzub (1998), in her book states that the main factor that causes immorality is the failure faced by the teenagers themselves for example failing to achieve what they want. The teenagers, who fail, will feel disappointed and have no motivation to settle the situation. So, without thinking of the negative effects faced, these teenagers take unsuitable actions.

According to research made by Zulkifli Mohamed (2000), in his article states that there are some factors that cause the immorality of teenagers. Among them are environmental influences, political and economy stabilization and weak education system. In his survey, he states that the surroundings are divided into certain parts and among them are family influences. Parents are the nearest towards any influence

either good or bad for their children. Broken family institutions may cause teenagers to be involved in drug addiction, run away from home, sexual juvenile and rape. Other than the surrounding influence, the electronic mass media also influences the social problems among teenagers. Nowadays, the community is exposed to various private television programmes other than government channel. The control made cannot be fulfilled by the unhealthy culture. Printed mass media also exposes disgusting elements and materialism which is the same as the electronic media. The influence of negative culture that is unsuitable is also exposed.

Hasnah Ghani (1995) states that immorality is caused by influence from the mass media. These forms of mass-media like printed media or electronic media have advanced increasingly in this science and technology world. According to her, these mass media had brought benefit to people and the most important is that mass media functions to spread information, educate the individual and give entertainment. Thereafter, the advance by people in this sector has cause serious conflicts and misuse.

In her survey also, some incidents that happened in several schools, including in our country, proves that the dangerous influence from violent films have become their daily programs. Consequently, this influences their thinking with negative actions. Surely, the teenagers and children are curious to try what they see. Tabloid newspapers like Bacaria is one of the popular magazines with in sensational news such as sex stories, rape cases, prostitution and others. These teenagers are exposed towards unhealthy influence through the mass media and depend on parents to control their reading articles and television programmes that are being watched.

2.4) THE OFFENCES THAT CAUSE MORAL DETERIORATION

There are several types of crime done by teenagers nowadays that cause moral deterioration among teenagers. Some of them are:-

a) Drug Addition

According to Ali Mahmood (Massa, February 2003), in the 9 month period, from January to September 2002, 23,638 drug addicts have been identified throughout the country. The number increases 9% if compared to the number of addicts that were identified for the same period in 2001 that was 21,692 people. The table shows the addicts that are identified according to states from January to September 2001-2002.

According to his survey also, the majority are male drug addicts that is 98.78% whereas female addicts is 68.82%. Most of these addicts age between 20-29 years, they consist of secondary school students and 85.47% are workers. 65.94% are heroin/morphine. 48.46% agree that they started to indulge with the misuse of drug caused by influence from friends.

State	2001	2002	
		No.	Per month average
P.Pinang	4,213	4,828	536
Kedah	1,297	3,547	394
Selangor	2,365	2,583	287
Perak	2,400	2,212	248
Kelantan	1,925	2,045	227
K.Lumpur	1,841	1,739	193
Johor	1,770	1,532	170
Sabah	1,497	1,456	162
Terengganu	1,359	934	104
N.Sembilan	1,162	881	98
Pahang	1,041	806	89
Perlis	71	373	41
Melaka	510	369	41
Sarawak	168	204	23
Labuan	73	133	15
Total	21,692	23,638	2,628

Source: Massa 2003

She also states, to overcome this problem, the National Drug Agency should hold surveys on the ways to treat addicts through experience and information from other successful countries like Thailand. This is because the ways to rehabilitate that is practised at the rehabilitation centre is not successful. Despite the rehabilitation, the number of drug addicts increases every year. Other than that, the community should change their attitude and accept the ex-drug addicts in starting their new live. Besides that, integration and communication process is the effective way to start a new life. The approach of a friendly society is better than the community taking action of isolation that had been done so far.

According to Abdul Ghafar Hj.Don (2000), the most dangerous factor towards the development of a country and community is drug problems. Most of the countries in the world faces drug problems. Australia for example faces heroin problems among

the teenagers. Most of the families in Australia have a friend or family members who are involved in heroin addiction. According to the statement in Utusan Malaysia, approximately every month the number of 1096 new addicts are identified throughout the world. The drug addiction statistic since 1998 until now shows that 80.8 percent involved are youngster's aged from 20-39 years. Taking pills like ecstasy and psychotropic is also increasingly lately. Taking these pills by teenagers is as an alternative to release stress and facing problems. This issues need attention by all people to be overcome effectively.

b) Loafing

Loafing has become a phenomenon mostly among teenagers. The fast development of industries and shopping complexes and entertainment centres are the places for loafing. The shopping complex is the main place for loafing focused by the teenagers other than other places like bus stations and recreation parks. Result from the research by Professor Madya Dr. Shamsuddin A. Rahim shows that loafing is caused by various factors such as physical attraction of the public place, the home, the teenagers themselves and religion. In personal matters, the research sums up that, teenagers who loaf are selfish, irresponsible and lazy to do work as productive workers. This research also states that teenagers who loaf are most likely to be interested in excessive entertainment combined with interest towards programmes or news about economic issues, politic and religion. The way of life like this will give negative effects towards development of Malaysians mostly the Muslims. Loafing is actually a waste of time. In Islam, wasting including time is a waste like what Allah says, *"By (the Token of) Time (through the Ages), Verily Man is in loss, Except such as have Faith, and do righteous deeds, and (join together) in the mutual teaching of Truth, and of Patience and Constancy"* (Al-Qur'an. Al-Asr 103:1-3).

Therefore, Islam urges the followers to use the time as effective as possible towards good work.

c) Illegal racing

Another negative crime that is feared by the communities nowadays is illegal racing either by car or motor-cycle that is connected to teenagers. Involvement in illegal racing is a way to enjoy themselves and have satisfaction in life. Consequently, there are certain parties that support and encourage it with attractive rewards, including a lady for the winners. Weekend nights are their choice to hold this activity. Cities and high-ways are the places for them to show their capabilities. This action is similar to killing themselves. Whereas, Islamic teaching prohibit us from doing dangers and destruction to ourselves. As Allah says, *“And spend of your substance in the cause of God, and make not your own hands contribute to (your) destruction; but do good; for God loveth those who do good” (Al-Qur'an. Al-Baqarah 2:195).*

d) Inappropriate socialization

Inappropriate socialization is a common phenomenon in the community today. They consider those who do not follow the current changes in this matter are old-fashioned and not modernized. Sitting together between a girl and a boy who are not related is common for them. The community is not surprised with this situation as even parents don't care about their daughter dating with the unrelated. This inappropriate socialization has caused certain matters to happen such as inappropriate socialization and free sex that causes the crime of abandonment. According to the statement in this book, the research towards teenagers social action National Population and Family Development Board exposes more than 80 percent teenagers aging 13-18 years doing various crimes, whereas 24 percent agreed to having sexual intercourse. This culture should be curbed more seriously to avoid the ruins of the social system in the community in this country. Islam focuses that morality should be the main concern. The factors that can destroy oneself and community should be avoided. Therefore, be more careful and prevention is better than cure should be stored to build a healthy and harmonious community and to avoid the immorality among teenagers.

e) Playing Truant

Playing truant happens at every place in this world. As we know, students who play truant disobey their responsibilities by the parents. To the public, this habit is one of the common actions by students. Other than being strict and taking great care after knowing that the student plays truant, parents and teachers should think of the ways to prevent it. Co-operation between teachers is very important to achieve a successful strategy. Teachers should contact parents if they find that the student is likely to play truant. Parents should appreciate the teacher's reaction and co-operation.

f) Interest to try something new

Everyday, children are exposed with various attractions that can influence their minds. Sometimes this attraction is so strong that teenagers dare to do anything and imitate and feel proud/boast of their activities. Although they know their action is disliked by parents, but they try to influence their parents to fulfill their needs and interests. Examples of this wrong action that is always discussed is about the teenagers' attitude who like to attend entertainment centers like discos, snooker centers, loafing, smoking, drinking alcohol, drug addiction and many more. They actually know the effect to themselves and know the disadvantages of the activities. More ever, the community also talks about the problems. The mass media also printed the effect of wrong doings by the teenagers.

g) Smoking

Nowadays, many parents face the behavioral problems of their children. For example, their children who are still schooling but take up smoking. This issue is spreading mostly among all students either boys or girls. In this matter, teenagers defend their actions and say that smoking will give good effects and spirit to learn and make them feel more confident. Although they know that parents and school rules do not allow students to smoke but they do it secretly.

Various surveys should show that most of the smokers agree that this habit is practised since they were teenagers. It's not easy to stop smoking. Some western countries realize that this habit happens among the teenagers and children at school. The western countries had made laws to prohibit the cigarettes being sold to children or under aged teenagers. Although this law is enforced, teenagers still take up smoking. Smoking problems among teenagers are also connected to many other matters. Those who are familiar with smoking will not be shy and afraid to try drugs and other forms of dangerous drugs.

Other than health education about this habit, the adults should also show good examples, if the parents do not want to see their children smoking, they should not take up this habit (Mohd Amin H.A. Shariff, 1998).

h) Apostasy

According to a survey by Ahmad Redzuan Mohd Yunus (2003), apostasy is one of the wrong doings done by teenagers nowadays and this causes immorality. Apostasy means "turning back to heathen after becoming Muslims". Other than that, it also means that someone is leaving Islam and follows another religion. One can be dismissed from Islam when one had believed other than Allah, or humiliates Allah, Prophet and denies their duty to the religion. While through intention, one can become apostate, if one believes in something different other than Islamic beliefs. This can destroy the faith, Islam and be categorized as an apostate. As Allah says "And remember Abraham and Ismail raised the foundation of the House (with this prayer): Our Lord! Accept (this service) from us: for Thou art the All-hearing, the All-knowing" (Al-Qur'an. Al-Baqarah 2:127).

Lately, apostasy among the Islam followers in Malaysia is printed in the media. The report is alarming with the increasing number of apostasy cases lately.

i) Gangsterism

Lee Sue Han (Dewan Siswa, January 2003) says, gangsterism is becoming serious in our country. As we know, this problem is becoming more serious. Additional to this, those involved in this activity are among 12 to 18 years of age. According to this article, he had suggested that a strong and comprehensive mechanism should be done to curb the problem of gangstersism problem from spreading. Modern generation is born to develop the country as compared to other countries.

According to a special report (Massa, July 2003) states that in the survey in mid 2002, Klang is witnessed as an unsafe district. There are violent cases in this town exposed by the media that arises worries to the residents. And so, Klang is also black listed besides others than Petaling, Gombak and Klang. In this report, according to Deputy Police Klang, ACP Paramasivam, when he took over the duty in this district, gangsterism is the main crime and some caused killing when there is riots. These groups injure the victims, break the glasses and burn cars. At the same time, bullying cases also dropped the image of Klang as Bandar Diraja Selangor. Looking at the situation which is getting worse, police of Klang district with the co-operation of Police Headquarters Bukit Aman has worked together to recognize the gangs members involved.

Other than that, police officers are identifying the operation areas of the "Kongsi gelap" in the district. For most Indian groups, consisting of gang 24, Appache, Ganggi, Kolar, 36 and 08, their focused activities are at Taman Sentosa areas. Other than that, they also operate at Kampung Jawa, Bukit Kemuning, Pandamaran, Klang Lama and Bukit Kuda. Whereas, the Chinese gangsters focus at Pandamaran, Teluk Pulai, Kapar, Bukit Tinggi and Klang Utama. The police also note the activities by these two groups. Some of them collect money, controll certain areas for them to collect the money, control the developing areas where the contractors are frightened, involve in drug distribution and so on.

According to this report, to curb this problem, co-operation and information given by the community and the public will help the police to spot the criminals faster and

commitment between the two parties will help to avoid crime. In this matter too, Malaysian Indian Committee Assistant President, Datuk S.Subramaniam had stated that education should be practised to overcome this issue.

j) Runaway from home

Ahmad Redzuan Mohd Yunus (2003) defines 'Runaway from home' means leaving the house or family without the knowledge of parent's. Teenagers runaway from home phenomena have become common in the society. According to police report, Malay teenagers are the highest number involved in this case. According to the Social Welfare Ministry and Police Department, these teenagers are from low-income families. Some of the factors of teenagers running away from home are family crisis, freedom, influence of friends, love problems, mass-media's influence and so on.

This statement is also supported by Mizan Rahim (Dewan Masyarakat, April 2002) stating that this phenomenon of teenagers' runaway from home is a serious problem. Although in our country, this phenomenon is not critical, but it doesn't mean we should look at these phenomena as insignificant. We must be aware so that the ways to understand and to curb it can be done. Teenagers who run away from home doesn't mean disappearing. One way is to purposely do it as a tactic to defend on oneself or to get sympathy and acknowledgement. By running away from home, they hope that the emotional situation can be cooled down or can be controlled. The family environment that is always tense will urge teenagers to runaway from home. Most teenagers runaway because they cannot stand certain situations.

So, according to this research, it's actually for us, mostly parents to respect them, give love, concern and support. Other than that, parents should respect the opinion of their children. When teenagers try to raise their voice, we should not follow their way. Other than that, give understanding to teenagers that, when we agree with their idea, it doesn't mean they can do everything they like. And remember, whatever we did while we were teenagers will be done by our children later. Although maybe not all but a little will resemble the parents characters when they were young.

k) Ecstasy Pills

According to a survey by Redy Jeffry Mohammad Ramli (Massa, October 1996) explains about ecstasy pill or its scientific name Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDMA) that is synthesized in 1941 is a form of substance from amphetamine that is produced in 1887. MDMA are illegal in the medicine sector because its side effect is very dangerous to the users. According to this survey also, Dr. Nik Aziz Sulaiman from the Pharmacology Department, Medicine Faculty in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), MDMA is known used by Jerman pilots to alert the brain and nerves system so that it will ready while battling.

Ecstasy pill was first produced as a product to decrease appetite that is mostly for those who face obesity problem but when later found out that the side effect is very serious, this substance is banned totally. According to this survey too, the ecstasy pill will affect one who takes it as it will irritate the brain and nerve system that makes them fantasize, enjoy, confident and be sociable mostly in enjoyable occasions. Worrying towards the dangers of ecstasy to the users has caused it to be banned in America in 1985 and in Britain it is classed as drug group A according to the Misuse of Drug Act 1971.

2.5) THE EFFECTS OF MORAL DETERIORATION TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES AFTER GETTING INVOLVED IN THIS PHENOMENON.

According to the survey by Ahmad Redzuwan Mohd Yunus (2003) he states that the effect that arises is misunderstanding between parents for a long term and is seriously causing the children not to live peaceful lives.

According to Asmah Bee Mohd Noor (2003), that the conflict will always happen between parents and those teenagers. The conflict is really difficult to overcome when indulging in social issues.

Mashasliza Masdar (2001/2002), states in her survey that after the teenagers indulge themselves in this issue, the teenagers will feel that they are not in peace after there are has various questions of living concerning immorality, also various question of life concerning the problem of failed in subjects will arise and the lack of love from their families.

According to him also, in this situation, parents do not give attention and love towards their children and communication does not exist between children and parents after involving in immorality issues. Other than that, these teenagers have no place to state their problems, so in this case the teenagers will choose friends to solve their problems.

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CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes about the way of research method, research area, research sample, data collection method, research instrumentation and data analysis.

3.1) Research method

This research is done in the descriptive form. Descriptive research is a survey in the form of description, elaboration, explanation towards the survey to be done (Sekaran, 2003). The data found are analyzed and performed in various descriptions such as tables and graphs to classify the data. This research will also explain about teenagers' profiles that are involved in moral deterioration such as religion, race, gender, age, locality and educational stage. Besides profile, it also explains about the contributing factors, teenagers' offence and impact.

3.2) Research area

This survey focuses at Sekolah Tunas Bakti (Jerantut). This school is about 10 kilometers from Jerantut town. The aim of choosing this place is because the writer will get all the information she wants associating topic survey easily. The place has many teenagers who are involved in moral deterioration, so it is easy for writer to get information. The teenagers of this Sekolah Tunas Bakti consist of male and female groups of teenagers and this is suitable with this topic. In this place male and female hostels are separated.

3.3) Research sample

The sample of research consists of 30 male and 30 female teenagers representing in the 180 of the teenager population at Sekolah Tunas Bakti (Jerantut). The choosing of these 60 teenagers from 180 others was meant to ease the author's work in order to collect and analyze data from the elements. Besides, the author estimates that this chosen sample could stop confusion and matters while it includes elements that were in a big amount. The choosing process of the teenagers was done through the agreement and permission by the teenagers themselves. For the writer had met these samples and explained that their names will not be exposed at the questionnaires and their identifies will remain confidential.

3.4) Data collection method

To collect the data, the writer had done a lot of reading about the topic, the aim is to know the invention, ways and theories that are used by previous researchers. The reference materials are such as books, magazines, thesis, reports, journal, conference work papers and others. For her research, writer has used questionnaires survey to the respondents at Sekolah Tunas Bakti (Jerantut).

3.5) Research Instrumentation

The respondents were given a set of written questions. The questions were divided into two parts. Part A includes question about the background of the respondent and part B comprises questions related to the cause of moral deterioration, type of offence done by teenagers and the effect of this phenomena to the teenagers and their families.

Section A is connected to the background of the respondent. There are six items in this section particularly about religion, race age, stage of education and locality. Section B discusses about the factors that cause the immorality acts. There are 22 factors that is inappropriate socializing, challenges from peer, dressing, wants to try something new, lack of parental love, lacking of religious education, parents' divorce, hardship of life, playing truant, declining education, lack of teachers care, news papers, entertainment magazines, internet, porn video compact disc, television, radio,

lifestyle, culture, rapid development, modernization and sophisticated information technology. Other than these factors, this section also discusses about the wrong doing by teenagers, such as killing, drug addiction theft, robbery, abandoning babies, prostitution, truancy, gangsterism, loafing, gambling, porn video compact disc, free sex, vandalism, illegal racing, running away from home and apostasy. This section also discusses about the effects to teenagers when involved in these issues that is neglect of life, no attention from parents, feel guilty, always run from family, loneliness, no place to state problems in family, hated by parents and others. (Appendices).

3.6) Data analysis

Collected data was processed by Microsoft Excel Programmes that is usually used by the researcher. This method was used to simplify the process of data analyzing. Besides that, collected data was also analyzed by descriptive method. Calculation in the form of percentage and average was done to show the result of the research.

Collected data was presented in various ways and descriptive for such as tables and graphs. Tables and graphs are included to show a clear picture on moral deterioration among teenagers. Data presentation is very important because it is easy to analyze the collected data and to show that the research carried out is systematic and perfect.