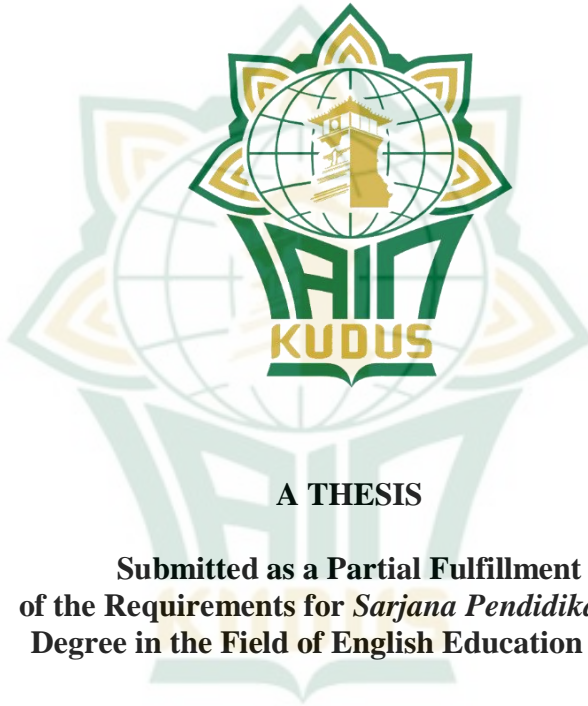


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and do not despair of the mercy of Allah¹.
(QS. Yusuf: 87)



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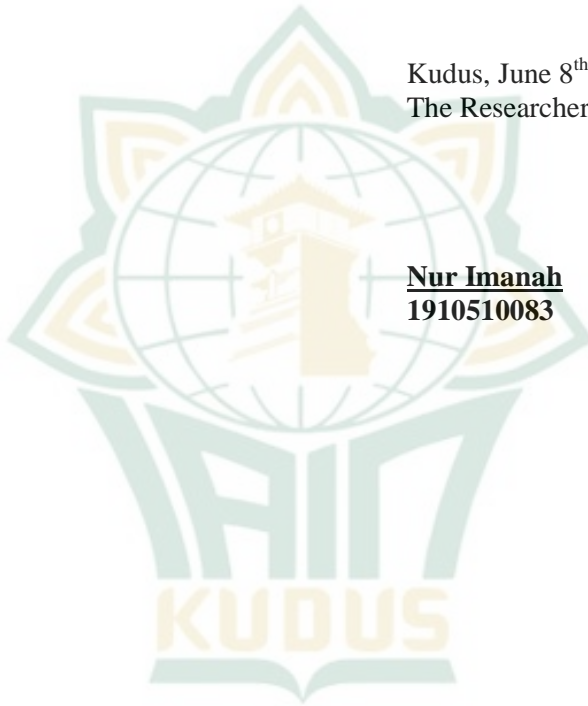
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PREFACE

Praise the researcher to Allah SWT for all His blessings and for providing health and insight to the researcher so that this thesis can be done properly and on time. The thesis entitled “Representation of Higher Order Thinking Skills in Reading Comprehension Questions Issued by The Islamic Educational Organization in Jepara” was prepared to obtain an undergraduate degree in the English Education Program, Tarbiyah Faculty, State Islamic Institute of Kudus.

This research is motivated by the existence of regulations from the latest curriculum to include higher-order thinking skills in the learning process. Analyzing the test exam questions is one way to determine whether higher-order thinking skills have been applied in the learning process, especially in English. Therefore, the researcher is interested in investigating the availability of higher-order thinking skills in English exam questions, especially questions related to reading comprehension. The author hopes this research can increase knowledge about analyzing higher-order thinking skills in English exam questions.

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