ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I fell replete to express my sincere gratitude to the God, the Almighty, for the abundant blessings throughout this study.

I am highly indebted to my research guide Dr. R.Ramesh, M.A., (ELS), M.Phil., (ELT), Ph.D., (ELT) Associate Professor, Department of English, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University for his able guidance and constant encouragement at every stage of my research work. My heartfelt gratitude to him is inexpressible in words.

I sincerely thank the staff members of Manonmanian Sundaranar University Library, Dr.T.P.M Library, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madras University Library, Chennai, British Council Library Chennai, Central Institute of English and foreign Languages, Hyderabad, Regional Institute of English, Bangalore.

I wish to thank my parents, sister and brother in law for their encouragement and help at all level of the study.

I thank all the postgraduate students of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University who participated in this course and made it most successful.