ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

“I got books, read up the facts, laboriously constructed a skeleton out of the dry bones of the real, and then clothed them, and tried to breathe into them life, and in this last aim I had pleased. With me it was a difficult and anxious time till my facts were found, selected, and properly jointed; nor could I rest from research and effort till I was satisfied of correct anatomy; the strength of my inward repugnance to the idea of flaw or falsity sometimes enabled me to shun egregious blunders”

Lucy Snowe in Charlotte Bronte’s Villette (481-482)

First of all, all thanks and praises are to Him, the Almighty God, Allah, peace and prayer are upon His Messenger, Mohammed [SAWS]. Thanks to Allah for showering me with power, capability, mercy, patience and dedication to come to the last step of this dissertation.

I am immensely grateful for the supervision of Dr. M. B. Karajgi, my research guide. His responses to my writing were prompt, encouraging, and insightful. It has truly been a pleasure and an honour for me to work with him. He has treated me with great courtesy and sincere guidance for years. His influence in this dissertation is unmarked only by academic research guidance, but it should be understood that his ideas and suggestions have helped significantly to shape the thesis into a better work of scholarship. I would like to thank him for his gentle and peaceful responses which pacify my worries and tiredness of the frequent journey from Nanded to Latur, his native place. Unless his cooperation, this work would not take place.

I am extremely grateful for Dr. Mohammed Al Shou’aiby, the president of Taiz University, Dr. Ahmed Othman Al Mekhlafy, the ex-dean of Al Mekhlaf Education College, Dr. Talal Al Mekhlafy, the dean of Al Mekhlaf Education College, for their cooperation with me to get my Ph.D. scholarship. My sincerest thanks go to Teacher Amal, the manager of Scholarships at Taiz University.

My deepest thanks go to my friends Marwan Al Mekhlafy, my colleague Abeer Al Gazali, Dr. Sahar Al Shargabi, Mohammed Al Asbahi, Fadl Al Galhadi, Ahmed Al Hussami, Adnan Al Mugamer, Ala’allah Sharhan, Manna’a Al Sa’eedi, Ahmed Zaid Mutaher, Mohammed S. Mutaher, Yahiya Al Fageir, Hassan Mua’wadh, and Abdulfatah Al Majeedi for their support, encouragement and help.
My sincerest gratitude goes to my father who passed away while I was doing my pre-viva. He supported me along the way to success; even to the last minutes of his breath, he was encouraging me to keep on. I hoped to share the sweetest moment of success with him, but alas! I will not forget my mother who is fathering and mothering me simultaneously nowadays. My loyalist thanks go to my wife without whom this work could not come into existence. I warmly appreciate her efforts to keep me carefree while I was abroad in India, taking care of the affairs of my family. My sincerest gratitude goes to my Brother-in-law Mohammed Hail Abdullah for the care he gave my family while I was in India. Finally, I appreciate the financial support from Taiz University and Yemeni Government that funded this research.

[Ahmed Taher Abdu Nagi]