The Effect of Using e-module Model Problem Based Learning (PBL) Based on Wetland Environment on Critical Thinking Skills and Environmental Care Attitudes

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Abstract: This study aims to analyze the effect of using an E-module with a wetland environment-based PBL model on students' critical thinking skills and environmental care attitudes. This study was a quasi-experimental study with a non-equivalent posttest only control group design. The study population was 150 students, while the sample was selected by random sampling. The number of samples in this study was 64 students who were divided into two classes. The instrument used was a test, namely a question of critical thinking skills in the form of an essay and a non-test in the form of a questionnaire for environmental care attitudes. The collected data were analyzed by using Multivariate Analysis of Variance. The results showed that the significance of the three hypotheses was 0.000, which means less than 0.05 (0.000 <0.05). So, it can be concluded that there is a positive effect of using the E-module with the PBL model on critical thinking skills and environmental care attitudes. The novelty of this study integrates the wetland environment in the learning process using teaching materials in the form of E-modules in the learning process of the topic of acid-base solutions on critical thinking skills and environmental care attitudes of students.

Keywords: E-module; PBL; critical thinking skills; environmental care; wetland environment

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Introduction

The development of science and technology demands fundamental changes in the education system worldwide, including Indonesia, to produce a generation that can compete in overcoming the complexities of future life (Suryanti et al., 2018; Zulmaulida et al., 2018). Therefore, educators can apply the 21st Century Learning Framework in science (especially chemistry), namely the Framework for 21st Century Learning (Hastuti et al., 2018; Redhana, 2019). This framework serves as a foundation of competencies that students must possess and master as a provision for successful careers in their future lives (Redhana, 2019), namely mastering learning and innovation skills (critical, creative, problem-solving, collaborative, communicative); life and career skills (responsible, social, tolerant, productive, adaptive, etc.); as well as skills using media, information, and technology (Redhana, 2019; Vlasta & Jan, 2011). It is not enough for the generation of critical thinkers to master critical thinking skills and be responsible by giving attention
and concern to human values and the surrounding environment (Wilson, 2016).

Critical Thinking Skills are one of the skills that students must have to deal with the complexities of future life. Critical thinking skills include cognitive competence (dissecting, analyzing, interpreting, examining, modifying, synthesizing, connecting, summarizing, making conclusions, generalizing) with personality competence (tolerant of ambiguity, independent thinking, having persistence, confidence, curiosity, motivated, dare to take different, reflective, creative risks and interact with each other constantly (Fahim & Pezeshki, 2012; Sumarni et al., 2018).

Critical thinking skills are best understood as the ability of thinkers to take responsibility for their thinking (Fahim & Masouleh, 2012) so that critical thinkers try to have good criteria and standards in assessing their thinking and using them to improve the quality of their thinking. Self-thinking or independent study (such as: setting goals, organizing environment and time, seeking help, and self-evaluation) is very important for students to be successful and meaningful in learning science, especially in the learning process of Chemistry.

But in fact, the critical thinking skills of students are still in the low and medium (Hasbie et al., 2018; Naparin et al., 2020; Ulfah, 2020). The study results are also in line with research conducted by (Anantyarta & Sari, 2017; Prihartiningsih et al., 2016) which states that students’ critical thinking skills are in a low category. This is because students still use teaching materials that emphasize the content dimension rather than the process and context dimensions. Moreover, the material presented in the teaching materials only appears in the form of concept definitions, a set of formulas, and exercises, making it difficult for students to develop critical thinking skills. According to (Rosnanda et al., 2017; Zekri et al., 2020), to improve and empower critical thinking skills, can use teaching materials in the form of modules. Modules are alternative teaching materials so that the learning process can be learner-centered and make it easier for students to find concepts and develop the learning process (Imanda et al., 2017; Kurniawan et al., 2018).

The epidemic period of the COVID-19 epidemic urged for distance education testing has rarely been carried out simultaneously before for all elements of education, namely students, teachers, and parents. Given that time, location, and distance are currently significant problems (Goldschmidt, 2020; Sun et al., 2020). This pandemic condition poses a challenge to all elements to keep classrooms active even though schools have been closed online learning by utilizing platforms in the form of applications, websites, social networks, and learning management systems (Bao, 2020; Basilaia & Kvavadze, 2020; Gunawan et al., 2020) so that an electronic/e-module-based teaching material can be developed with the help of the Professional 3D Pageflip application.

The important thing that needs to be considered in e-module development is the choice of a model/method because this is the main point so that the e-module developed is in accordance with the desired goals (Aufa et al., 2020; Sari & Rachmawati, 2017). In this study, the e-module used is e-module with the Problem Based Learning (PBL) model because, according to several studies, the PBL model has a general goal of improving critical thinking skills, inquiry skills and problem-solving skills, and skills to learn independently (Ageorges et al., 2016; Birgili, 2015; Efendioglu, 2015; Klegeris et al., 2013; Temel, 2014).

However, the results of the meta-analysis research on the results of the 2006 to 2013 study of PBL model learning show that (1) it is very important to pay attention to the learning environment of students (2) the PBL model has not shown to be able to practice critical thinking skills maximally (Batdi, 2014). The PBL model suggests a perspective that the learning process in schools should be a laboratory for solving real-life problems (authentic problems). One of the topics of authentic problems that can be used as real/authentic problems presented in the PBL e-module is the wetland environment, one of South Kalimantan’s local wisdom.

Wetlands are areas of brackish, swamp, peat, or water, whether natural or artificial, permanent or temporary (temporary), with flowing or still, fresh, brackish or salty water, including areas with seawater that is deep at high tide. Low (low tide) does not exceed 6 meters (Ramsar Convention). Utilization of the wetland environment in the authentic problem of the PBL model can improve critical thinking skills, creative, analytical, and environmental care (Lestari & Projosantoso, 2016; Yarid & Ariswan, 2016; Yunita & Aufa, 2020; Zaini et al., 2020). In addition, the wetland environment can also foster love, conservation, and concern for the environment, especially the wetland environment as one of the local wisdom of South Kalimantan (Ibrahim et al., 2012).

Based on the above, the researcher wants to see the effect of E-module Problem Based Learning (PBL) based on Wetland Environment on Critical Thinking Skills and Environmental Care Attitudes on Acid-Base Solution Material for class XI SMA using the 3D Professional Pageflip application.

Method

This research is a quasi-experiment with a non-equivalent pretest-posttest control group design. This research is called a quasi-experiment because in
The population in this study - e results of the -ude -aire, were -sed on -d obstacles in -ependent Multivariate -). The calculation of -this study were analyzed by using Multivariate -after being given treatment (posttest). The data from -questionnaire were given before treatment (pretest) and -strument and environmental care attit -equation. The critical thinking skills test becomes an instrument is only 37 questionnaires. -from 40 questionnaires th -contrast, the environmental care attitude questionnaire requirements to become an instrument are 12 items. In -thinking skills test of 16 items that meet the -alysis of the validity and reliability of the critical -strument was tested by experts first by three experts. -respondents. Before the field test was carried out, th -environment, biological environment, an -ndicators of the physical environment, social -havior.

The variables in this study were the dependent variable and the independent variable. The independent variables in this study were the E-module PBL model based on wetlands and textbooks commonly used in schools. In contrast, the dependent variable in this study was critical thinking skills and environmental care. The critical thinking skills test instrument consists of indicators, name interpretation, analysis, evaluation, and inference (Facione, 2015). Environmental care attitude instruments consist of indicators of the physical environment, social environment, biological environment, and obstacles in the process of environmental care behavior.

Instrument testing was carried out at SMAN 3 Banjarmasin City in two classes, namely class XI MIA 2 and XI MIA 3, and involved 68 students as respondents. Before the field test was carried out, the instrument was tested by experts first by three experts. The expert test results showed that the instruments, both the critical thinking skills test and the environmental care attitude questionnaire, were appropriate for research instruments. The results of the analysis of the validity and reliability of the critical thinking skills test of 16 items that meet the requirements to become an instrument are 12 items. In contrast, the environmental care attitude questionnaire from 40 questionnaires that meet the requirements to become an instrument is only 37 questionnaires.

Data collection in this study was carried out by means of test methods, questionnaires, and documentation. The critical thinking skills test instrument and environmental care attitude questionnaire were given before treatment (pretest) and after being given treatment (posttest). The data from this study were analyzed by using Multivariate Analysis of Variance (MANOVA). The calculation of

### Table 1. Result Multivariate Tests

| Effect            | Value   | F       | Sig.   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Intercept         | .992    | 3798.463b | .000   |
| Wilks' Lambda     | .008    | 3798.463b | .000   |
| Hotelling's Trace | 116.876 | 3798.463b | .000   |
| Roy's Largest Root| 116.876 | 3798.463b | .000   |
| Root              |         |         |        |
| Class             | .717    | 82.250b | .000   |
| Wilks' Lambda     | .283    | 82.250b | .000   |
| Hotelling's Trace | 2.531   | 82.250b | .000   |
| Roy's Largest Root| 2.531   | 82.250b | .000   |

The data analysis technique in this research is descriptive statistics and inferential statistics with variance analysis techniques, namely Multivariate Analysis of Variance (MANOVA). Descriptive analysis techniques are used to describe the results of the students' pretest and posttest. Before testing the hypothesis with the MANOVA test, first, the data distribution normality, variance homogeneity, and data collinearity test were conducted with the help of the SPSS 26.0 for the windows program. The test results show that the data is normally distributed.

### Result and Discussion

The results of the MANOVA analysis obtained the value of $F = 3798.463$ with a significance value on Pillai's Trace, Wilks'Lambda, Hotelling's Trace, and Roy's Largest Root is 0.000. This value is smaller than the significance level of 0.05 ($p < 0.05$). Thus $H_0$ is rejected, and $H_1$ is accepted. The summary of the test results with the MANOVA analysis is presented in Table 1 below and figure 1 e-module with a wetland environment-based PBL model.

![Image](image.jpg)
The Test of Between-Subjects Effects test results with MANOVA showed that the F value for critical thinking skills was 54.788 with \( p = 0.00 < 0.05 \). As for the caring attitude towards the environment, the F value is equal to 132.726 with \( p = 0.00 < 0.05 \). From these results also obtained the MSE value for critical thinking skills of 0.009 and the MSE value for environmental care attitudes of 0.008. For a summary of the results of the Test of Between-Subjects Effects can be seen in Table 2 below.

### Table 2. Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

| Source       | Dependent Variable | F     | Sig.  |
|--------------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Corrected    | Critical Thinking Skills | 54.788 | .000  |
| Model        | Environmental Care Attitude | 132.726 | .000  |
| Intercept    | Critical Thinking Skills | 4231.557 | .000  |
| Class        | Environmental Care Attitude | 4553.700 | .000  |
| Error        | Critical Thinking Skills | 54.788  | .000  |
| Total        | Environmental Care Attitude | 132.726 | .000  |
| Corrected    | Critical Thinking Skills | 788.726 | .000  |
| Total        | Environmental Care Attitude | 54.788  | .000  |

a. R Squared = .454 (Adjusted R Squared = .445)
b. R Squared = .668 (Adjusted R Squared = .663)

The first problem, based on the results of the MANOVA test in Table 1, shows that the value of \( F = 3798.463 \) with \( p = 0.00 < 0.05 \). This means that there are differences in students' critical thinking skills and environmental care attitudes who use the e-module PBL model based on wetland environments and use textbooks commonly used in schools. Based on the average value of the normalized gain score, it shows that the average value of critical thinking skills in the experimental group, namely students who use the e-module PBL model based on a wetland environment, is 0.86 greater than the control group, namely 0.61. The difference in the average gain score indicates that the e-module PBL model based on the wetland environment positively affects the results of students' critical thinking skills.

For the second problem based on Table 2, the F value of students' critical thinking skills was 54.788 with \( p = 0.00 < 0.05 \). Thus, \( H_0 \) is rejected, and \( H_1 \) is accepted, so it can be concluded that there are differences in students’ critical thinking skills who use the e-module PBL model based on wetland environments and use textbooks commonly used in schools. This can occur because students' critical thinking skills are greatly influenced by the e-module PBL model based on the wetland environment.

The learning process uses the e-module PBL model based on the wetland environment. Students are taught to be critical of the problems presented by solving problems through various strategies and tactics. In this way, students are expected to be able to apply their critical thinking skills in the learning process at school and life. The problems presented in the e-module are in the form of soil pH analysis, C-organic and BD agricultural land in Ulin and Gunung Kupang. Banjarbaru municipalities which are classified as acid soils resulting in decreased productivity of agricultural products in the area, the acidity level of Banjarmasin river water has increased drastically and is of concern. 60% of South Kalimantan’s peatlands are damaged. With the use of the e-module PBL model based on the wetland environment through teacher guidance as a facilitator, students are trained to think deeply to construct knowledge so that they can understand a concept correctly. Problem-based learning is in accordance with constructivist learning theory, which facilitates students to develop their critical thinking skills. Contextual problems in problem-based learning through the e-module PBL model based on a wetland environment train students to analyze information to correct related concepts.

Unstructured problems help students develop various analysis and problem-solving solutions (Temel, 2014). Through the e-module learning of the PBL model based on the wetland environment, students share and express arguments and have further possibilities to
correct misunderstandings of concepts while discussing the problems at hand (Loyens et al., 2015). Learning e-module PBL model based on wetland environments uses issues that are often encountered every day so that the learning process becomes meaningful and makes it easier for students to build correct concepts.

This is supported by research (Jaenudin et al., 2017; Sari et al., 2019; Serun et al., 2020; Sujanem et al., 2020) PBL-based e-modules in the learning process provide an in-depth understanding of the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains that support improving critical thinking and problem-solving skills that improve student learning outcomes. In addition, participants have insight into the wetland environment, which is a local advantage in South Kalimantan. In accordance with (Annafi & Agustina, 2018; Septiani et al., 2020) states the same thing that the implementation of PBL in the learning process that raises local wisdom and potential, besides being able to improve learning outcomes, can also foster students' attitudes and character towards the surrounding environment, and the psychomotor domain that supports improving critical thinking and problem-solving skills that will enhance student learning outcomes.

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Based on the results of research and discussion, it can be concluded that there are differences in critical thinking skills and environmental care attitudes of students who use the PBL e-module model based on the wetland environment and use textbooks commonly used in schools. There are differences in students' critical thinking skills who use the PBL e-module model based on the wetland environment and use textbooks widely used in schools. There are differences in the environmental care attitude of students who use the PBL model e-module based on the wetland environment and use textbooks that are widely used in schools. The recommendations from this study are to conduct further research on PBL e-modules based on wetland environments using other materials/topics and conduct e-module research with other models and methods.

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