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The Academy of Language Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Kedah branch is proud to present the first issue of its e-magazine, The Epitome, as our focus to highlight our commitment to contribute to the areas of creative writing.

THE EPITOME aims to provide a platform for writers, educators, academicians, poet, and researchers to share their ideas, findings, knowledge, and experience, particularly on various creative writing genres - personal essays, poetry, short stories, songs, movie scripts, plays, and innovative projects in four different languages (English, Bahasa Melayu, Mandarin, and Arabic).

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear readers,

It is with great pleasure and immense pride that we, the Academy of Language Studies at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Kedah branch, extend our warmest welcome to all writers and readers to honor all 127 artistic masterpieces. This is indeed a tremendous achievement to commemorate our debut.

We are privileged to offer the platform for the writers to show their talents in creative writing in this magazine, which serves as a testament to our commitment to the area of personal essays, poetry, short stories, songs, movie scripts, plays, and innovative projects. Their invaluable contributions and unwavering commitment to academic excellence have played a vital role in shaping this magazine.

Thank you.

Best regards,

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In the depths of time's embrace,
there lies a space, a special place
beautiful and sacred, where memories trace,
a tapestry of life's sweetest face.
Joys and tears made my life,
The clock ticks on with steady strife,
With dreams and hopes that are ever so bright
For though the years may come and go, and life is great as river flows,
People and minds will forever grow, and so the hearts aglow.

Thence I cherish every day, let my hearts sing, come what may,
In the end, I will find my own way,
to that beautiful space, where my hopes will stay
I know that I won't always stay
I know that I won't win today
But I will find my way to a brighter year
And when I do, I'll look back and hear, the winding road that led to me
To the place where I found joy and peace.

Sometimes I'm lost in the wilderness of the mind, I wander through the tangled vines
Of doubt and fear and endless strife, with no clear path to guide my life
The world around me seems to spin, a dizzying dance I can't begin
I cry out for a helping hand, but no one seems to understand
The wind that blows is cold and harsh,
A constant reminder of my broken heart
I search for signs of hope or light,
But all I find is an endless night.

The road ahead is long and hard, and I am weary, with a heavy heart.
But deep within me, there's a spark, a flicker of hope that won't depart.
Even though I failed today, tomorrow brings a brand new way
A chance to start anew and find the path
that leads me to peace of mind
So I keep on walking, step by step,
through the darkness and the stormy night
With faith that somehow I'll emerge
into the light of a brand-new day
When troubles come and sorrows weigh, and darkness seems to cloud the day,
Take heart, my dear, and do not stray, for time heals hardship, come what may.

I learned through this thing, the thoughts you and them are distinct
The pain may linger for a while, and tears may fall with every mile,
But hold on tight with a smile,
For the time is like a gentle breeze, that blows away life's fears and unease,
I should let my heart be light and free, and let my spirit soar and be,
In the end, I will surely see, that hope and love are destiny.
With each new day, a promise to keep,
time heals hardship, and joy will reap,
Hold on tight, and do not fear,
for tomorrow's brighter, it's ever so clear,
So in the meantime, I will make the most
Of every precious moment, and I'll toast
And when I realize the journey ends
I know that I have lived, loved, and had no regrets.



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