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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.

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LIVING TO DIE – STOP AND PONDER

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Each day we live, we're closer to death,
Wandering the meaning of life,
We will never think of death,
When we have many people to love,
When we have many things to treasure,
When we have the whole world to venture into,
When will we stop and ponder?

When the end of life is near,
Then we'll realize that the end is death,
Wandering how we had lived our life,
When there are no more people to love,
When there are no more things to treasure,
When there is no more world to venture into,
When will we stop and ponder?

For life does not stop with death,
For the end is eternal life or eternal death,
Wandering the choice that perplex life,
Where eternal death is away from God,
Where eternal life is forever with God,
Where choice is made and sealed forever,
When will we stop and ponder?

Regardless, we are moving toward death,
Wandering how we should live our life now,
For death is imminent and sure to come,
Come when we are less expected,
Come when our life is at the fullest,
Come when we think that we will live forever,
When will we stop and ponder?



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