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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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Your sight can be deceiving  
If you believe that what you're seeing  
Is the one you should be believing  
For it could be no more than a painting  
Drawn as a means for distracting  
In masking the real thing  
From other's viewing  
No more is known  
Except for all that is shown  
And the truth was let to drown  
Until all of its covers are blown  
Simply because it is not a matter of their own  
Will someone ever unsheath the truth from its cover?  
Or it will be kept hidden forever?  
It is just a matter of discovering it now or later  
As it may take seconds or simply never  
Depending to whom does it matter  
For some it would help them lift the boulder off their shoulder  
While others would falter and quiver  
Knowing that they are no better  
How much longer does this mask need to stay on?  
Because any longer would make our life a living con  
As it is a needless game we are called to play upon  
A game that nobody so far has won



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