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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 my mid thirties  
 I'm expected to conform  
 To the manly male fascinations  
 Cars, cigars and social standing  
 Tell my friends my victories  
 A palace of a home  
 VIPs in my contacts  
 All there for all to see  
 On Facebook with glee

I lack the sophistry to partake  
 such testosterone ideals  
 I am not less of a man  
 But my interest remains nerdy  
 Just as it was back then  
 A child of thirteen

Action figures adorn my shelves  
 As if heroes monuments built  
 Monsters and Gods  
 Villains and Heroes  
 Instagram, posted  
 My imagination triumphant.

I don't want to fawn over,  
 Dishonest politicians  
 To show my allegiance  
 Makes no difference  
 I only wish to sit  
 On the sofa with my family  
 Playing Mario Party

In my mid thirties  
 Leave my spirit be juvenile  
 Breathing in the wild



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