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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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A mother is a beau ideal of perfection.  
Full of love, care, and selflessness,  
We are not looking at the outer beauty...  
Not Estee Lauder, not Loreal or Maybelline...  
It is the inner strength, the perseverance within their souls that  
shine.

A beau ideal of perfection

The tear of happiness is shown...  
The tear of sadness is hidden...  
The smile that never fades.  
The gleaming eyes that encourage...  
Those unspoken words...  
A mother... a beau ideal of perfection

How can someone be everyone's first love?  
How can someone be everyone's true love?  
A god's gift to every living creature  
A mother...



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