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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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Angka, ada yang cantik, ada yang buruk  
Angka besar kadang-kadang cantik, kadang-kadang buruk  
Angka kecil pun begitu juga

Ramai orang suka mengejar angka  
Ingin angka besar atau ingin angka kecil  
Angka jadi idaman  
Angka jadi buruan

Ramai orang bangga dengan angka  
Ramai orang suka pameran angka  
Kerana angka mengundang pujian  
Angka mengundang penghargaan  
Angka yang baik dianggap berjaya  
Angka yang buruk dianggap gagal

Tetapi tidak ramai orang sedar bahawa angka boleh diolah  
Ingin angka besar atau ingin angka kecil  
Semua itu boleh diolah dan tidak susah  
Angka boleh diolah oleh orang yang kerjanya mengolah angka

Ada orang apabila mendapat angka maka dirasanya dia kaya  
Ada orang apabila mendapat angka maka dirasanya dia sihat  
Ada orang apabila mendapat angka maka dirasanya dia bijak  
Ada orang melonjak gembira apabila mendapat angka  
Tetapi kemudian menjadi kecewa  
Apabila angka itu tidak dapat menolong apa-apa

Ramai orang menilai sesuatu dengan angka  
Walaupun angka itu seringkali tidak membawa erti apa-apa  
Angka bukan bererti bahagia atau derita  
Angka bukan bererti cantik atau buruk  
Kerana apabila ditanya tentang bahagia, derita, cantik atau buruk  
Maka jawapannya bukan dengan angka

Maka semua orang mesti sedar  
Supaya jangan terlalu mengejar angka  
Kerana angka itu seringkali hanyalah tipudaya



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