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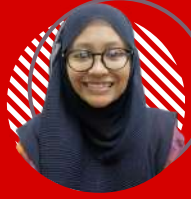


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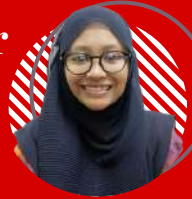
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The Academy of Language Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Kedah is thrilled to announce the release of the fourth edition of its e-magazine, *The Epitome*. This publication represents our steady dedication to cultivating creativity in language and literature.

The primary objective of *THE EPITOME* is to offer a platform for writers, educators, scholars, poets, and researchers can come together to exchange their ideas, discoveries, expertise, and narratives. Our special focus revolves around an array of creative writing genres, encompassing playwriting, short stories, songs, speeches, memoirs, literary journalism, humour writing, lyric essays, innovative essays, and personal essays, with a goal to embrace diverse linguistic expressions, with content available in four languages: English, Bahasa Melayu, Mandarin, and Arabic.





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Preface

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Welcome to the fourth issue of *Epitome*, where creativity and imagination shine brightly. Within these pages, you will discover a rich tapestry of voices and visions—each piece a celebration of the limitless potential of words.

This issue of *Epitome* is more than a mere publication; it is a tribute to the art of storytelling in all its forms. Whether you are captivated by evocative poetry, enthralled by engaging short stories, or intrigued by insightful essays, we aim to present something that resonates with every reader.

We are passionate about the transformative power of literature, and we hope that this collection will inspire, challenge, and delight you. As you explore these pages, may you uncover new perspectives and experiences that enrich your own creative journey.

Thank you for embarking on this literary adventure with us.

Happy reading!





Editor InChief

Dear gentle readers,

Let me welcome you to our fourth edition of e-magazine, where we explore the beauty of life's journey. Our theme, "Capturing Life Lessons and Moments," encourages you to pause, reflect, and celebrate the wisdom that arises from everyday experiences.

Life is a mosaic of moments, each with the potential to teach us something profound, inspire change, or remind us of the surrounding beauty. Within these pages, we have unfolded stories, reflections, and insights that illuminate the lessons woven into the fabric of our lives. From the quiet wisdom found in fleeting moments to the power of life-changing events, this edition pays tribute to the learning that occurs beyond the classroom, in the heart of our daily lives.

Our contributors have poured their hearts into capturing these moments, sharing personal stories that resonate with authenticity and depth. You will find essays exploring the significance of small acts of kindness, articles reflecting on the lessons learned from adversity, and creative pieces celebrating the joy found in simple leisure. Each piece serves as a reminder that life's greatest lessons often emerge from the most unexpected places.

As you flip through this edition, we hope you find inspiration in the shared stories and perhaps discover a mirror to your own experiences. May these pages encourage you to appreciate the moments that shape you, learn from the challenges that test you, and embrace the wisdom that life offers at every step of your journey.

Thank you for joining us in exploring life's lessons and moments. We invite you to take your time, savour each piece, and maybe even gain a new perspective on the experiences that have shaped your own life.

Happy reading!

Warm regards,

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Apocalypse: Zombie Virus

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The apocalypse is often thought to be caused by nuclear war, natural disaster, or alien invasion. However, on an ordinary afternoon that autumn, people discovered that the end could come because of a tiny virus.

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This virus has been called a "zombie virus" because it turns infected people into aggressive, uncontrollable zombies. The origin of the virus is still a mystery. Some people speculate that it was caused by an experiment in a laboratory that went out of control. Some people speculate that it was caused by a mysterious terrorist organization.




Regardless of its origin, this virus is extremely contagious. The initial infections were isolated cases, but soon the virus began to spread around the world. The government attempted to isolate the infected, but this approach soon proved unfeasible as the number of infected increased dramatically and government forces were unable to control the situation.

As chaos intensifies across the globe, people are beginning to realize that they must take steps to protect themselves. Some people tried to flee the city in search of safer places. However, as the virus spread, different modes of transportation were quickly controlled by infected people, and people's escape plans were forced to be cancelled.

Some people are choosing to seek shelter in urban centers, but this approach is also risky because urban centers are often the gathering places for infected people. Others tried to seek safety in buildings or basements. However, their safety is quickly violated, as infected people can smell humans and gain access to their hiding places by digging or attacking.

Over time, the number of survivors decreased dramatically. Many people disappeared or died while fleeing or seeking shelter. The survivors have to face various difficulties, including lack of food, water and medicine, lack of safe shelter, and constant threat of the infected. They begin to feel lonely and hopeless, and many lose faith and willpower. Some even begin to wonder if there was any hope of survival.

In these difficult moments, Ah Meng, the savior, appeared. Ah Meng is a kind and brave young man. Despite facing the threat of zombies, he decided to help other survivors. He became a core member of the resource collection team, often venturing into zombie-infested areas in search of food and medicine. He always shared the resources he discovered with others and never kept them for himself.



At the critical moment when Ah Meng encountered zombies, a supernatural power seemed to be injected into his body. When he was surrounded by zombies and his life hanging by a thread, suddenly he felt a strange energy flowing through him.

Ah Meng's eyes began to twinkle, and his strength seemed to be enhanced. He fought back without hesitation, repelling the zombies that besieged him with astonishing speed and power. His movements were flexible and precise, and every move is as flawless as if it had been precisely calculated.

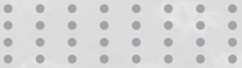
This supernatural power allowed Ah Meng to save himself from the zombie attack. He easily dodged the zombies' claws while knocking them to the ground in a shocking display of strength. This extraordinary power seems to come from a potential deep within him.

After the battle, Ah Meng felt weak. He didn't know where this supernatural power came from, or how long it would take for it to appear again. But he understood that this power gives him a chance to survive, and he must make good use of it.

This supernatural power became Ah Meng's secret weapon for survival. In the following battles, he began to rely on this power, applying it to more dangerous situations. He became braver and more fearless, because he knew that as long as he mastered this power, he would have a chance to defeat the zombies and protect himself and other survivors.

However, Ah Meng also began to have doubts. He pondered the true origin and purpose of this supernatural force. He understood that he had integrated into this new world and became some kind of special existence. But he also knew that this power may bring unknown risks. He remained fearless and realized that he has enough strength to contend with unknown dangers.

Ah Meng gained the ability to fight zombies, which allowed him to stay alive during zombie attacks. He didn't know where this ability came from, but he knew he had to use it to protect humanity. As time passed, Ah Meng's strength continued to increase, and he began to walk in a world overrun by zombies, becoming the hope of mankind. He is called a zombie hunter, a name that represents his strength and courage. Ah Meng's skill has reached a level called Zombie Heart. He can feel the presence of zombies, and can even directly enter the spiritual world of zombies and control their actions. This ability is extremely rare and only a handful of people can master it. A certain faction or team took a fancy to Ah Meng's ability, and they wanted to take Ah Meng as a subordinate and let him work for them. But Ah Meng did not want to be restrained. He believes that he can fight the zombies alone. As a result, a fierce conflict broke out between the two sides. In that battle, Ah Meng showed amazing strength. He flexibly avoids the enemy's attacks while also being able to accurately attack the enemy's weak points. In the end, Ah Meng defeated those people and became a free zombie hunter. Since then, Ah Meng has been looking for traces of zombies and used his own power to protect human safety. He knew that as long as he was alive, there was hope. In this world full of dangers, only heroes like Ah Meng can bring hope and strength to people, allowing us to find the direction of light in the darkness.





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