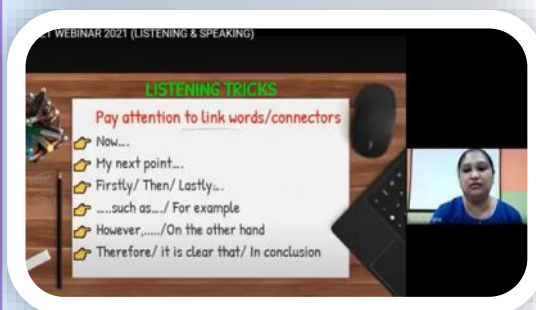


MUET Webinar & Workshop 2021

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English Language Club in collaboration with the Malaysian University English Test (MUET) Unit, Academy of Language Studies, UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang (UiTM CPP) organised a MUET webinar on three consecutive Fridays - 16, 23, and 30 April 2021 and a two-day workshop on 11 and 12 June 2021. Since the country is under lockdown due to COVID-19, the sessions were made possible on Google Meet. 80 students participated at the diploma level from the Permatang Pauh and Bertam campus.



Madam Savina giving tips during a webinar session

The programme was conducted to provide guidelines and techniques for MUET candidates. Next, it was also to encourage students to master English as a medium of communication. In addition, the programme was intended to provide two-way communication between candidates and experienced speakers and facilitators and consequently prepare the students based on the new MUET syllabus which will be aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) from 2021 onwards.

The speaker was Madam Savina Saiman who has 14 years experience of teaching and examining MUET. On top of that, she actively contributes tips and tricks on MUET on her YouTube and Telegram channels. She has also won numerous awards, among others, MELTA Excellence Teacher Award 2020 (bronze medal) and District and State Level Innova-

tion Teacher Award in 2016. The facilitators involved were Mr Noor Azli Affendy Lee, Ms Nazima Versay Kudus, Ms Syahirah Ramli and Dr. Isma Noornisa Ismail.

During the webinar sessions, the appointed speaker shared the necessary skills needed to succeed in listening, reading, speaking and writing. In the workshop, the participants had hands-on experiences in answering the written-tests (listening, reading and writing). Listening and reading questions were circulated via Google Forms where students received immediate feedback of their responses. Students' written essays were reviewed and commented on by the facilitators. Speaking sessions were conducted on Google Meet. Students were put in groups-of-four and they performed mock individual presentations and group discussions. Following that, the facilitators gave feedback on each participant's performance.



Dr Isma facilitating speaking workshop session

Based on the survey questionnaires, the students were generally very satisfied with both sessions. Among the feedback received were, "the tips and examples given help me to answer the question better" and "the speaker's explanation was clear." To maximise students' learning and understanding, the webinar and workshop were recorded and the PowerPoint notes were stored in Google Drive for students' references. Mr Noor Azli Affendy Lee has also built a website where students can access past year questions for practice purposes. The Academy of Language Studies, UiTM CPP wishes all MUET candidates the best of luck!

Language Quotes

"A different language is a different vision of life."

Federico Fellini, Italian film director and screenwriter.

"The limits of my language mean the limits of my world."

Ludwig Wittgenstein, Austrian-British philosopher.

"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way."

Frank Smith, Canadian psycholinguist.

"Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going."

Rita Mae Brown, American feminist writer.