

YK

1. Describe an event that showcased your leadership qualities.

Ans: During last August, my school Chinese language teacher plan to organise a Kedah state level Chinese Language Carnival. Therefore, she selected a student committee to ensure the event can be run smoothly and I am honoured to be chosen as the advisor of the committee. The event is mainly made up of two parts which is the first one, a calligraphy competition, and second one, a quiz competition. Let me just share about my role in the second part. While the quiz competition committee came out with the questions, I am responsible to check for the quality of the questions. This is my first time to hold a position as advisor, so there are a few miscommunications that cause the questions don't meet the standards required by the teacher. Luckily, after I coordinated with the committee and came out with a clearer instruction, we managed to finalise the questions and the teacher is happy with that. After all hard work, the event was a total success and most importantly, I have learnt how to communicate effectively with others and be a better leader.

2. What is your intended course? Why?

Ans: I would like to study aeronautical engineering. I have been a fan of a documentary series, named Air Crash Investigation. From this documentary, I am astonished by the highly sophisticated structure of an aircraft and how much details are needed to ensure a plane can fly safely. Even one single miscalculation or oversight that seems to be a minor error could lead to a catastrophic disaster. Although these kinds of disaster are heartbreaking, it is important for us to learn from these incidents so that everyone can fly safely. Therefore, I started to think that I would like to pursue a career related to aviation technology. It is not only because I love to solve complex problems, but also due to my passion to contribute to the improvement of this industry. For me, aviation technologies are not all about flying faster and faster. In fact, innovations on how we can make an airplane safer should be prioritised before we think about catching up the speed of sound and even light.

3. What makes you think Khazanah Scholarship is different from others?

Ans: Khazanah scholarship absolutely stands out from others when I am doing research on scholarships. One of the most significant features is the variety of courses offered. I am really surprised that most of the courses that I can think of are indeed offered by YK, including the one that I am planning to study, which is aeronautical engineering. I can't find courses like this any other scholarship. Furthermore, Khazanah also provide leadership trainings and job attachments in some of the nation's best organisations upon graduation. For me, these experiences are important to build a strong interpersonal skill as well as providing an opportunity to put what I have learnt into practice. Just like me, who planned to study aeronautical engineering, I am looking forward to entering one of Khazanah's selected portfolio companies, which is Malaysia Aviation Group. I am sure that I can learn something more extraordinary rather than just theory from the professionals there. All in all, Khazanah scholarship is exceptionally well in building talented and well-rounded leaders in Malaysia.

4. Have you ever disagreed with the teacher. How do you solve it?

Ans: Yes, I have once disagreed with my Chemistry teacher. It was during Form 4 when I received my Chemistry year end examination results. There is one essay question where I wrote something that is out of syllabus and the teacher did not award me some marks. I am pretty sure that what I had written is correct because I read it somewhere in a scientific journal. I tried to discuss with that teacher whether the answer is accepted. After doing some simple searching, we found out that the answer is indeed correct, but it somehow contradicts with the textbook used. Therefore, the teacher is unable to award any extra marks for that answer and I agreed with the teacher's decision. The teacher suggested me to answer the exams based on what is in the textbook because that is where the answer scheme is constructed. Since on, I tried my best to stick to the textbook when answering the questions in exam and keep what I have learnt outside the syllabus to myself.

5. What makes you different from other candidates?

Ans: I think what really set me apart from other candidates is that I have a deep passion in engineering field. I always enjoy reading scientific journals as well as watching

documentaries in order to know more about the engineering approaches that is used to solve current issues nowadays including global warming and so on. On top of that, my passion has driven me to seek for an exciting industrial experience. After I finished my SPM examination, I managed to find a part time job in a local technology company, which is ViTrox Corporation Bhd with the help of my sister. During that period, I am exposed to some of the current technologies especially electronics and AI. What I need to do during the job is actually classify and process the input data that will be fed to AI for machine learning. It is not only the job that I have done excites me, but also what I have learnt that impact my thought. From this experience, I started to wondering on how are these related to my intended course. After some searching and reading, I am happy to find out some similarities and connections between these technologies that I am exposed to during the job with avionics in aircraft that power some crucial systems including autopilot.

- 1. How you overcome life problems, stress and manage time effectively**
- 2. An event that showcased your leadership quality**
- 3. How do you see yourself in 5 years, 10 years...etc**
- 4. How would you contribute to Malaysia**

STAGE 3 PART 1 (Group Case study)

- When summarising your points, remember to write it down clearly in a way that you won't stutter as you present to the Interviewer and other members. If can, try to put them in different categories so that you won't get mixed up when comparing both CVs.

- In the case of my group, we all did a brief introduction on both CVs, and then we mainly focus on 1 CV and trying to convince everyone their pros and attributes and why we should hire them.

- Going into group discussion, you all will be standing up and discussing beside the whiteboard and the end of the table (further away from interviewer). That's why, be sure to be more vocal, confident and louder so that the interviewer can hear your thinking process. In my case, I provided a point which shifted the whole group's decision, which I think what made me stand out.

- (We were comparing between 2 candidates for a position, 10 years of experience in related company who showed loyalty VS 10 years of experience who change company a few times but still relating field. They all wanted to pick the first one, but I told them we should consider the latter, as a person who has been through multiple companies is able to view things from a better perspective as he/she has seen how are things run from different companies, and we can use her knowledge to improve ourselves)

- 1 person who would draw out the conclusion in the white board (me) and another person generally summarised our choices. If can, try to do something until the end so that your interviewer does not forget you. Feedback session (I do personally think they also evaluate this stage), where they ask about your experience in today's case study and Khazanah's interview. Try to show your personality by saying some more personal experience and how you felt, also include how this experience has shaped your thinking (REFLECT)

STAGE 3 PART 2 (Individual Interview)

- they asked **WHAT CONFLICTS DID YOU FACE IN YOUR TIME AS A PRESIDENT AND HOW DID YOU SOLVE IT**

-- I started off my talking about my experiences and conflicts in my previous clubs

-- they continued by asking about **HOW I HANDLE CONFLICT WITH TEACHER**

-- then you have to be confident and be truthful in your answer (they can sense if you're faking it). If you need time to think, just take a breather and think, but never lose your composure.

-- You can prepare these type of questions : **PROUD PAST EXPERIENCE ; CONFLICT IN PAST EXPERIENCE ; COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS**

-- You can also prepare good questions to ask your interviewer (anything your curious, but definitely NOT something you can find on their website)

STAGE 4 (Interview with Khazanah Management)

-> Tell me about yourself, family, proudest achievement, and why are you studying XXX

*Prepare your introduction speech beforehand

*Prepare WHY DO YOU WANT TO PURSUE XXX

- Start by greetings and saying thank you for this opportunity. Briefly describe yourself professionally and about your parents. You may tell them your parents' job, but no need to tell in detail. IF you think your parent's job aligns with your reason, or they somehow inspired you, you may talk about it. Then, in the later parts of the interview, be sure to bring it up again.

- Talk about your greatest achievement and how that achievement shaped you.

- Talk about what initially sparked that interest in you wanting to pursue that course.

(I talked about my love for LEGO since young, playing around with bricks.... I also enjoy photography and architecture, but I want to be able to be the engineer that makes that architect's dream design come true because of my interest towards Physics and Mathematics as well)

-> Why do you deserve this scholarship

*Prepare your own PROS AND CONS LIST with very pro and every con having an example on yourself

- Be sure to be confident in answering questions about yourself, and make yourself look more desirable

Ans: I think I deserve this scholarship because I am an ambitious person. Being ambitious is to have a goal and dream in mind, and work hard to pursue this goal. My goal is to work in the UEMG Group (UEM Builders , UEM Edgenta). In UEM Builders, it resonates with me as it involves construction and engineering where I can directly contribute and build infrastructure. In UEM Edgenta, they focus on asset management and infrastructure. I also understand that UEM Edgenta's goal is to build green infrastructure and focus on sustainability where it resonates with me. Sustainability also allows more ESG investment towards the company and country, and boosts the economy. Secondly, I think I deserve this scholarship because I think I am, I am a disciplined person. As you know, during my Form 4s, I took the IGCSEs exam and during Form 5s, I took the SPM exams. During these two years, I also managed to become President of a Music Club in my school. I think I am disciplined because I can manage well between my academics and my co-curricular activities. Besides, being president of this club, I can manage my people well and we even managed to get an invitation to perform for MPharm...)
(include as well a quick conclusion to remind your interviewer your points just now)

-> Where do you see yourself in 5-10 years

*Prepare WHY YOU WANT TO STUDY IN THIS PARTICULAR OVERSEAS

UNIVERSITY

*Prepare COMPANY KNOWLEDGE AND WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF WORKING

(Within their organisation)

- Talk about your goals as an individual and milestones you hope you can achieve within their organisation.

- Talk also about your long term future plans (after 10 years)

Ans: In 5 years, I plan to see myself in University of Cambridge, studying together with like-minded individuals so that we could learn and grow together. In 10 years, I would like to work in UEM Group, UEM Builders or UEM Edgenta, as I can directly work in what I studied and contribute towards the country. I can be able to build LRTs, MRTs to help benefit the society and overall the people of this nation. After that, I plan to be a developer, building residential areas. I understand that 5-10% Malaysians are still in poverty. Building these areas allow them to come out from poverty and have access to basic necessities. Besides, working as developer to build infrastructure to help the tourism industry also able to boost the economy....)

* (End your last sentence positively to leave a better impression on your interviewers)

STAGE 5 (Interview with Board of Trustee)

-> Why is this scholarship so important to me

- Be more personal on this, talking about money issues (a little, just a little), talk about your aspirations when you get the chance to go overseas to study

Ans: I believe this scholarship is important to me because firstly I am able to get a good education at the prestigious Kolej Yayasan UEM, where I am able to meet other scholars and push each other to get into our dream universities. In the Kolej, I think I can experience living in a closed-knit community with everyone supporting each other. After that, I would have the chance to study overseas and attain the global exposure not just on social matters but on the modern cutting-edge technology of European and American engineering. With this knowledge, I am able to apply it in Malaysia and make Malaysia more systematic and organised. Of course, the scholarship also proves as a huge benefit for my parents as it would lessen their financial burdens....)

-> What is your hobby and one thing you are passionate about

Be personal on this, maybe include how your passion and hobby integrates into your daily studying life.

*Prepare YOUR PASSION

Ans: My hobby is actually doing sports. I just love the feeling when the teamwork actually works and the passes between us just become so smooth you can feel the chemistry in the air. Sports is also a way I can release my stress from all the studying and school responsibilities, as everyone doing sports are just there to have fun. I represent my school in football, and I occasionally play basketball with my friends. My passion is actually architecture. Though my travels and my dad's travels, I am able to see all different types of architecture. From the modern sleek engineering in China to the traditional Victorian architecture in the streets of London. I am always in awe when I see those with my eyes. I am intrigued at how London manages to sustain that old, roman look but still integrating modern ways in their buildings. In China, everything is very organised and systematic, with bikes and motorcycles having their own lanes, with sky bridges connecting four corners of a crossroads, everything is simple yet well thought. Architecture is what lights my eye and brightens my mind to be full of ideas. However, I do know that my drawing skills are lacking, and with a strong interest in Maths and Physics, I know myself to definitely be more suited as a role being a civil engineer, making an architect's design come true, and enabling me to utilise my academic capabilities by challenging myself through this field of work.)

-> Talk about stuff you wrote in your essay

(Talked about my part time as a Animal Shelter Volunteer which I added in my essay to show my social work. and volunteering. I added with saying I believe animals and pets rights in Malaysia are not strong and secure enough and government should do something about it. Follow up question of whether I have any pets. Talked about my past pets (Chickens and Rabbits) At this stage and questions, its really about your peronality, so you sure can be a little humurous in your asnwers)

-> Feedback session

I BELIEVE MUST MUST give feedback (they only allow 5 people, since not much time), but it is a way to allow your interviewer (TRUSTEE) to remember you at the end of the day.