

SHELL

1. Tell me about a time or situation you displayed leadership

Situation: My school participated in the Malaysian National Schools Debating Championship 2023, a prestigious national debate competition for secondary schools in Malaysia.

Task: We entered the competition as a relatively new team, facing formidable opponents from established schools in the national scene. As the president of our debate club, I was determined to use my leadership and debating experience to help the team succeed and uplift our school's name in the circuit.

Action: As team captain, I drew on my experience in competitive debating to strategically train the team. For instance, I organised after-school mock debates and joint research sessions, and communicated with our teacher advisor and the Guru Penolong Kanan Kokurikulum to secure our training time and location.

Result: Despite my own nerves, I focused on building team cohesion and instilling confidence in ourselves before and throughout the competition. After six gruelling rounds of intense debates, we made it to the Grand Finals and were awarded Runner-Up. It was one of the happiest moments of my life and taught me the importance of strong team bonds and unwavering determination amidst tough competition.

2. Please introduce yourself

- Answer should paint a clear but brief picture of who you are as a person, a bit of your background as well as maybe values that you hold

- Answer: Hi, my name is Danish Deniel. I was born and raised in Subang Jaya and grew up together with my cousins under one roof. I pursued my secondary education in Kolej Yayasan Saad Melaka and hope to further my education in the field of engineering. I am someone who puts my all into my work and will always ensure that whatever I do, I will try my best to be the best.

3. Describe a time when you disagreed with someone during a group discussion/project.

- Answer should portray your willingness to listen and consider other's opinions. At the same time, you should also show how you let yourself be heard too without being dominating or condescending.

- Answer: I once had to work together with my friends to run a food bazaar stall for a charity project. One of the hiccups we faced was when buying our ingredients, the available ingredients were significantly more expensive than what was budgeted and thus, my group and I had to discuss whether to increase prices to make up for the increased cost or to maintain the price but reduce our profit margin. I was of the opinion that we should increase the prices but as group leader, I had to take into account the opinions of my group mates. Particularly, one of my group mates was particularly vocal about his stance of maintaining the prices and thus, I had to hear him out. I listened to him to truly understand where he was coming from and to understand the rationale of his decision. I made it a point to myself to allow him to properly consider and ponder about his reasoning. Following this, I thought for a moment and was still of the opinion of increasing the prices and so, I had to explain my rationale to him as well. It was important to keep the discussion open and keep my mind open so that the best decision could be reached. In the end, after talking things out with not just him but also the rest of my group mates, we came to the decision to increase the prices so as to ensure that our profit goals were met.

Other Sample questions:

- 1. Talk about a time where you had to work in a diverse environment/team.**
- 2. Talk about a time where you didn't succeed. How did you handle that situation?**
- 3. Talk about a time where you had to juggle multiple commitments at once.**