**Areas for Improvement:**

1. **Perseverance:** Practice regularly, build resilience, and motivate myself to keep trying even when facing initial challenges.
2. **Problem Understanding**: Take the time to fully grasp the problem requirements before attempting a solution. Read the problem statement multiple times, identify key elements, and ask clarifying questions.
3. **Focus and Distractions**: Prepare adequately, find a distraction-free environment, and eliminate interruptions to maintain focus.
4. **Implementation Skills**: Break down problems into smaller steps, understand algorithms/data structures, and strengthen programming fundamentals.
5. **Time Management:** Set time limits for each question, prioritize easier/high-scoring questions first, and manage time efficiently.
6. **Environment setup:** I had some runtime errors that were uncalled for because I couldn’t change the programming language engine.

Strengths:

1. **Resisting Solutions**: Avoid looking up solutions during the contest to promote independent problem-solving skills.
2. **Pseudocode Usage:** Write pseudocode to organize thoughts and simplify problem-solving.
3. **Problem Review:** Reread questions to reinforce understanding and minimize misinterpretation.

Overall, by addressing these areas for improvement and leveraging strengths, I can enhance performance in future contests.