1. **Tell us something you have done outside your school curriculum to prepare yourself for your chosen degree course(s). For example, did you work in a relevant part-time job, or did you take an online course? (550 characters)**

The PETRA BAC competition is a national accounting and business competition that required me to make a proposal.

I created a business model for Baywatch, a greener version of apps like Gojek, offering greener substitutes and tracking its user’s carbon footprint. The proposal required a SWOT analysis, marketing & financial plans and more. It showed me the work behind managing employees, products and finances of a start-up.

Even though we lost, the judges offered to put the idea in their incubator, making the entire experience worthwhile.

1. **Tell us about a time when you failed to do something on your first try, but succeeded on subsequent attempts. How did you learn from your initial failure, change your approach, so that you eventually succeeded? (550 characters)**

My 90% would never compare to my brother’s 97%. Constant comparison made me neglect my studies, and soon enough my math grades started to drop to 50%.

The growing pressures of wanting to get into a good school made my academics a main priority again. I forced myself to ask questions in math class, watched Khan Academy for hours, even asked my brother for help.

I was my own limiting factor. Getting better at math taught me to be patient and motivate myself in a healthy way. In the end, the only person I should be outdoing is the past me.

1. **Tell us about something that is meaningful to you, and why. (550 characters)**

Learning reminds me of the community I can’t live without.

In secondary, I found my way in the prefectorial board and Leo Club, eventually becoming its President. Being surrounded by more experienced peers increases my urge to be better tenfold. I went from following seniors around to mentoring and tutoring juniors which reminded me of my grandpa who’d reward me with candy for learning a new word. Learning from others, and teaching others has molded me into who I am today.

So, connecting through learning has and will be an important part of my life.

1. **What is your proudest achievement? How does it display your commitment and how you have been enterprising? Please also explain how it exemplifies some of the five NUS values of Innovation, Resilience, Excellence, Respect, and Integrity. (1100 characters)**

In JC1, I was elected as President of Leo Club and had to manage things living in Singapore while my team was in Jakarta. For our first event, I organised a bake sale with a Sesame Street concept including Elmo cookies and Cookie Monster Rice Krispy treats. Designing Instagram posts, packaging, and finding out how to market the treats on social media and the school.

All the treats were made in my house despite me being abroad, so I had to make sure the ingredients were prepared and my team could work in a safe environment amidst a pandemic. I managed most of the online logistics and it was hard to make sure everything was running smoothly, it included last minute changes due to sudden material shortage and unavailable equipment. On my end, being supportive and tying up loose ends was the best I could do since I wasn’t physically present.

Despite being nervous in the beginning, the effort had paid off, and we raised over 15 million IDR for Jakarta’s Childhood Cancer Foundation.

1. Is there anything else about yourself which you want us to know? (550 characters)

A general note: try to word your sentences more formally instead of wording them like you’re telling a story. This considers the character count limit and the expectations of the school you’re applying to.