**Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement? (350 words)**

I knew I did something wrong when almost everybody in my math class gets 6s and 7s. I was  challenged by the fact that the topic itself was understandable, and fairly easy to do, yet I only got 5 out of 7. I checked the comments to determine what I did wrong, but the comment was always the same, “Revise More!”.

The problem with that is, I don’t know where to start. A lot of peers recommended me to get a private tutor, but I have had bad experiences with private tutors in the past and often they didn’t give me a significant impact. I was ashamed and stressed that I couldn’t reach above a 5 in the math subject. If this pattern continues, then the opportunity for me to major in engineering is in jeopardy.

When I arrived home that day, I googled the questions, and I found the working out online. I observed how the author did it. I found out that the methods I used were correct, but I input the wrong plus or minus signs, and often use “shortcuts” that lead to answers. All of the errors could be avoided if I practiced more questions on the topic, and started to utilize past papers.

From that point on, I started a routine of studying a minimum of an hour every tuesdays, thursdays and fridays. This studying schedule is not only focused for math, but also for other subjects as well. Not only that, I expanded my revision materials to include past IB test papers, and questions from the textbook. Though at first it was a hassle, I eventually got used to the routine and made it my productive habit.

The impact of this routine has been positive not only for my academic achievements, but also myself. I became more disciplined, and more aware of my use of time. I also learned the value of time, and how an extra hour is beneficial for my studies and myself.

On my last math test, I got a 7.