**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 felt incapable of doing math and inferior compared to my peers who got higher scores than me.  If this pattern continues, then all the desires, the ambitions, and manifestations of being an engineer would just go to waste.

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. My peers recommended that I get a private tutor, but my past experiences taught me that they didn’t give me a significant impact on my grade.

When I arrived home that day, I googled the questions, and I found the working out online. I discovered 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 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This studying schedule is not only focused for math, but also for other subjects as well. 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. All my habits did not come to waste; I thrive to continue improving myself and consistently deliver excellent results.