CCC Worksheet Essays and Prompts

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**Where to Apply** *(Common App or the university website)***:** university website

**Link:** https://mitadmissions.org/apply/firstyear/essays-activities-academics/

Note that rather than one long essay, MIT requires several short response questions and essays.

Additionally only the questions for 2024-25 are given.

**Essay Prompts:**

1. What field of study appeals to you the most right now? (Note: Applicants select from a drop-down list.) Tell us more about why this field of study at MIT appeals to you.
2. We know you lead a busy life, full of activities, many of which are required of you. Tell us about something you do simply for the pleasure of it.
3. While some reach their goals following well-trodden paths, others blaze their own trails achieving the unexpected. In what ways have you done something different than what was expected in your educational journey?
4. MIT brings people with diverse backgrounds together to collaborate, from tackling the world’s biggest challenges to lending a helping hand. Describe one way you have collaborated with others to learn from them, with them, or contribute to your community together.
5. How did you manage a situation or challenge that you didn’t expect? What did you learn from it?

**How would you respond to these essay prompts?**

*Please provide one or two sentences on how you plan to answer these prompts. Remember, if there are multiple prompts, you should discuss different things in each prompt, rather than repeating the same topic.*

1. Robotics is an exciting subject where programming and engineering meet. MIT has top resources, as in equipment, teachers and opportunities in this field.

2. Karate and programming are both activities I can immerse myself in. When there’s an opportunity, I simply begin doing these hobbies and “go with the flow”, sometimes letting time pass me by.

3. I am a straight-A student in my country’s top #1 school. Inspite of this I don’t spend countless hours overnighting and worrying about my grades as I’ve conciously developed such study and time management methods – based on my own experience and several books from several authors – that allow me to study efficiently, achieve the best quality in the shortest time possible.

4. While I’m teaching programming, every lesson is a great opportunity to guide students to gain a resultful mindset, as well as reinforcing my understanding in given topic. Same in the dojo, helping eachother beyond our limits.

5. From when doctors found out that my spine had to be operated, I was only given a medical appointment close to a year later. After I finnaly lied on the operation bed and was prepared for the meticolous operation they found out that there was a small lump on my throat at the time, indicating some kind of illness and so the operation had to be post-poned. When I was woken up, it was very heartbraking for me to hear the news, and the situation was so unexpected for me, I even bursted out in tears. But then, I stood back on my feet and accepted my fate. I decided that I wouldn’t be ashamed to tell everyone in school, why I was back so soon, even though I told them I would be gone for a long time and pushed through the following 2 weeks till I got better and actually had the surgery. Now I know, that no matter how bad a situation may seem, there’s always a solution, there’s always a way out.