*Dear me, November 24, 2016*

*How time flies! It’s Thanksgiving Day again. I am writing this letter to thank you.*

Can you still remember the day when you stepped into the gate of high school, **thrilled, excited and delighted**? **For the time being**, however, without the **initial** excitement, you gradually found the life in high school was not what you had imagined. Constant failure and hardship in maths made you frustrated or even drove you crazy. Once, you played truant into the school library, but fortunately a book about Helen Keller totally changed you before despair came. **Subsequently**, you **never gave in to any difficulty**.

Life in the past three years was busy, **fulfilling and bittersweet**. However, it was your strong will and determination that led you to success. **Courage, diligence and perseverance, rather than luck or miracle, made every day count**. No wonder you did well in the Gaokao and are studying in your ideal university now. Thank you for your **ceaseless efforts**, **bound to bear rich fruit**.

*Wish you greater success in your future life.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Li Hua*

珠海一中 文科 25分 (总分：113.5)

**In the blink of an eye**, you are **on the threshold of** being an adult. In the past three years, you have really **lived a bittersweet campus life**. I can still remember the day when you knew your devotion to decorating the blackboard was rewarded with the first prize, your silly smile made yourself look like a little child. I can also remember the moment when you first succeeded in completing a solo in the school band, you acted as cheerfully as a lark. However, apart from those happy memories, there were also once **some dark clouds of failure getting in your way**. You have suffered the bad grades, the scold of teachers, the misunderstanding of friends, and so on. But I feel so proud and **appreciative** that you just **leaped over the hurdling** and **chased those clouds away**!

Dear me, thank you, for all your **painstaking efforts and diligence**. There was a time when you **sowed the seeds of hope**. Now, you **harvest the fruits of success**. With your having been admitted to your dream school, a new journey is **on the horizon**. I believe in the not-too-distance future, you will still keep pursuing the perfect as you always do.

珠海一中 理科 24分 (总分：119)

Looking back, every success and failure you experienced stands out in my memory. **There were times when** you fell apart **confronted with** the heavy load of school work. **There were times when** you burst into tears **facing** those countless unsolved problems in your homework. **There were also times when** you felt like a loser **seeing** your name at the bottom of the list informing the test result. But from time to time, you managed to become one of the top ten students of your grade **regardless of all the obstacles** that troubled you.

In expressing gratitude, we fix ourselves in an ecosystem of love and other positive emotions. Hence, I feel obliged to express my most sincere thanks to you, who worked so hard and **braved so many challenges** for my brighter future. **Had it not been for you**, I wouldn’t be so lucky as to **turn to a brand new page of my life** and study with my peers in my dream university. **It could never be something that I took for granted**.

珠海一中 文科 24.5分 (总分：113)

Sitting in my **dream university** to write this letter, I am so excited to recall **the bittersweet campus life** in the past three years. Although my senior school life was filled with countless homework and exams. I still enjoy the time which I **commit** to **pursue excellence** together with my dear friends. Recalling the periods which I suffered from low-esteem, I still remembered the tears and sorrows when I tried to **navigate the wavy life of adolescence** and deal with the ups and downs in study. Fortunately, with the help of my teachers and friends, I didn’t **make any concessions or compromises to the failure** but paved my path and fight the way for my dream.

Recalling the senior three life which is like **driving a car in the fast lane**, I understand that senior three is **a voyage of becoming self-motivated and self-disciplined**. Thanks for your extraordinary **perseverance** and painstaking efforts, which made it possible to study in dream school and linger over the life here. I have no word to express my **heartfelt gratitude** to you, who had **no cross** and **no crown**!

中山纪念 文科 24分 (总分：109.5)

Now I am studying in my ideal university recalling the old days. You will know how lucky I was to have shown such a remarkable performance in the final entrance examination. These achievements, dream school’s admission and fabulous grades **are all attributable to your perseverance**.

There was a time when you suffered a lot from your poor English. You **were cast down** every time the disappointing English grades came out. However, you stuck to controlling your bad mood and never gave up. **The scene that** you were trying to so hard to recite the vocabulary and read English articles aloud still **roots in my mind** and will never fade away. **Truth has proved that it pays to be diligent** and you made it at last!

Thank you, my dear hard-working and tough girl. **But for** your great efforts, I would never have achieved so much. Your constant struggle and steel-like spirit are conductive to my future study, which are like the road lamps, sparkling in the darkness and leading my way.

东莞中学 文科 24分 (总分：110)

I still can’t **conceal my excitement** that I’m now studying in my ideal college! **Looking back on** the days when I struggle for my dream, a mixture of emotion **floods into my mind**. I still remember the day when I got the worst grade. I surprisingly managed to face it with a smile instead of cry.

**Words fail me** when I want to **convey my gratitude** to you. **But for** your perseverance and strong will, I wouldn’t have realized my goal. **Occupied with** countless learning tasks, you chose to overcome them with patience and diligence. Every time you **were beaten to the ground**, you spared no efforts to stand again and reminded yourself of the motto—“**Overwhelming darkness may endure for a night, but it can never overcome the radiant light of the morning.**” Thank you again for not giving up and keeping pursuing, it is your spirit rather than those good marks to be treasured.

惠州一中 理科 23.5分 (总分：111.5)

Looking back, our small but unique classroom **witnessed** your growth with your laughter and tears. I am fascinated by the happy moments but it is the tough ones that **shaped** you. Do you remember there was a time when you always failed in math exams? It seemed that you just can’t work well. Though almost desperate, you paved your way to high marks with your last courage. You kept practicing and reflecting, **squeezing every minute**, seeking for every useful suggestion. At last, you **surpassed** yourself.

I must express my deepest thankfulness to you. But for your perseverance and determination, I would not get your ideal grades and stand in your ideal university now. I will always appreciate your diligent spirit and your strong belief in your goals in your tortured time. Believe in yourself, and life will reward your best effort.

珠海一中 文科 23.5分 (总分：105.5)

In the past three years, you have been faced up with loads of obstacles and made giant leaps after trying hard again and again. You always kept in mind that the saying, “No pains, no gains” is the approach to success. So you always took action at the grass root level rather than **chanted some high-profile slogans**. Thank you for your diligence and perseverance which made me stand on the threshold of graduation and admitted to the university that I dreamed to enter.

Every time I recalled the senior school life, I can’t forget the inspiration given by you. Once you got a low score, you just said, “Don’t give up and tomorrow will be a good day.” And next time when you performed well and your friends gave high comments to you, you just said, “Be modest.” **It’s your attitude towards study that decides your altitude.** I will appreciate your worthy experience and consider it a priceless treasure forever.