

Why do you want to join AOS? (100-120 words)

I want to join AOS to connect with like-minded individuals who share my passions and values. Having lost my previous friend group, I crave the opportunity to engage in deep, meaningful conversations that exceed shallow small talk. AOS offers a chance to revive discussions on topics that truly matter to me. I want to be surrounded by inspiring personalities from whom I can learn and grow. The prospect of expressing myself freely, hearing diverse opinions, and immersing myself in thought-provoking exchanges attracts me towards AOS. AOS represents a club where I can rediscover the joy of intellectual discourse and forge new, allowing me to be with people whose thinking actually matter

Pick a character from a book, movie, or show you think you resonate the most with and why?

I resonate most with Mycroft Holmes from Sherlock due to his unique blend of intellect, pragmatism(an approach to the world where we evaluate thoughts, and ideas based on their actual usefulness), and emotional control. Like Mycroft, I value an analytical, fact-based approach to understanding the world. His realistic worldview, often perceived as icy (cold might be better) by others, aligns with my tendency to prioritize logic over emotion. I admire Mycroft's stoic philosophy(thou me not being a stoic), which provides a framework for resilience and rational decision-making in challenging situations. His ability to see the bigger picture and make decisions based on long-term is inspiring.

Tell us your most controversial opinion on dating. (100-120 words)

Modern dating has become more about social pressure and projection than genuine connection. Many people prefer being in mismatched relationships to being alone, treating dating as a social requirement(human being a socially driven being) rather than a meaningful bond. People will be more attracted towards physical attractiveness and external validation, often at the cost of shared values, mutual understanding, and emotional compatibility. Dating has devolved into a game of manipulation and validation-seeking for many. People rush into relationships instead of waiting for truly compatible partners, driven by a fear of solitude. This obsession with validation shows human vulnerability. Maybe due to social media, the meaning of dating has become so crippled, so useless.

How would you handle a situation where someone disagrees with your opinion?

I being an introvert will act like an active listener rather than engage in a controversy with that person. Ill prefer to listen to that person rather than engage with him. I recognize that I've already shared my opinion, so it's important to allow them the same opportunity. If his/her points are valid, it might help me to grow mentally and get the awareness of things i was lacking in the first place which led me to disagreement. I love gaining new perspectives.

If you could give a TED Talk, what would you speak about for 15 minutes of fame and why? (100-120 words)

My TED Talk would be on “Thinking Differently is Better”. Society often views thinking differently as an obstacle, a barrier to the growth of society. People tend to be towards others with the same perspective or thinking because it creates a sense of togetherness I guess. We crave connection and end up losing our true selves by trying to fit in with others. We’ve been told that blending in is the key to happiness, to relationships, and to a peaceful life. However, when you embrace what sets you apart from everyone else, you unlock something powerful—authenticity. You become free from the need for external validation and stop chasing what others think of you. Being different is better, not because it’s rebellious or opposite, but because it’s authentic. It’s real. When you stop trying to blend in, you start living a life that is genuinely yours. Dare to be different and you will end up being an innovator, and a creator, rather than sticking with the norm.

Words have power beyond measure. Share an experience where a speech, conversation, or debate changed your perception about something. (100-120 words).

It is an argument that the true value of morality lies not in abstract principles but in tangible outcomes that improve lives. It has also led me to live a more practical life based on fact rather than relying on old principles set by others(everyone is unique, so why just follow the same path as others). It does conflict with the prevailing social norms but has enabled me to make decisions based on real-world impact rather than theoretical ideals based on assumed ideal conditions. The world isn't built on ideal conditions, the universe is not a lazy place that operates according to our expectations. The universe isn't an ideal place it is full of chaos, it makes no sense to think about the future and waste your energy on that, living in the present is what I like, This insight has shifted my focus to living in the present, rather than fixating on an uncertain future or an unchangeable past.

Why did you choose engineering?

I have a genuine interest in this field because it offers continual learning opportunities, which is mentally rewarding for me. I am provoked by engaging in solving complex problems, as it provides me with the context of how things work. Additionally, engineering opens up a new world of cutting-edge developments for me.

If you could travel back in time – what's that one thing you'd rewrite in history?

If the choice were personal, I would have changed my decision of not choosing CSE despite getting the chance (twice) in counselling. I don't mean to say that ECE isn't fun, but I find it lacking in extracurricular activities at CCET. CSE students get to enjoy extracurricular activities. I find very few students(very close to none) in ECE doing any extracurricular activities. I won't be stating my choice of rewriting the history it had to societal