Instructions

· *Please respond fully to each of the four questions below.*

· *Your answers may be no longer than 120 words.*

1. Describe a situation you witnessed, or were involved in, where someone was treated unfairly or discriminated against. How did you respond, and would you do anything differently if that situation occurred again?

When I came to Canada in grade 8, I decided to study in Georges Vanier Secondary School because of the specialized STEM+ program about the enrichment of science and math fields this school offers. To get into this program, I needed to write a math test. When I was writing this test, since I was an ESL student, I couldn’t understand some of the questions on the test. I asked for help, and the school provided me with an iPad with a translator. After I got into the program, I experienced many benefits. If this occurred again I would do something different which is to advocate before the test to ensure this is equity.

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2. Briefly describe a personal goal you have set for yourself, and how long you have been working to achieve this goal. Who did you turn to for advice or help, and what was their role? What did you learn about yourself?

My personal goal is to be a lifelong learner. My process to achieve this goal is to absorb knowledge and gain experience from both life in school and life outside of school. In school, my passion has led me to learn things in a variety of fields, including math, science, business, and statistics. At home, for the last 4 years, I have pursued learning various skills including cooking and coding. To approach this goal, the internet, my father and my teachers support my learning and answer my questions when needed. More recently, I realized that I would like to start studying in fewer fields and try to focus on one field deeper, for example, algorithms or statistics.

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3. Describe an example of a situation where you took on a leadership role, helped resolve a dispute, or contributed to a group's goals. What was your role, what were your responsibilities, and what contribution did you make?

Outside of school, I am a moderator of an online cyber security and computer science forum where my primary responsibility is to manage the forum. I helped to resolve many disputes within the forum, with my contributions including helping others with questions, verifying the threads and posts, making logical rules within the community, and giving meaningful content, including computer science-related content and life experience such as recipes and how I encountered hardships. To achieve the management team’s goal, I contributed various ideas, including new functions for the website, new rules to restrict inappropriate content, and thematic activities hosted on holidays.

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4. Describe a group, organization, or community with which you have been involved. How long have you been involved? Describe the impact of your involvement in this community, and what you learned from being a member.

I have been involved in a computer science contests-related group called DMOJ for 2 years. As a member, I learned a lot of things, including the solutions of the past CCC, CCO, and IOI contests, and the experience from participation in competitive algorithm contests made by other members. I also helped the group community when solving problems: I helped break down word explanations to people who want to understand the solution to the problem; I gave feedback and mentorship to people having problems.

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