**Yale University Essay Ravi**

*Yale’s extensive course offerings and vibrant conversations beyond the classroom encourage students to follow their developing intellectual interests wherever they lead. Tell us about your engagement with a topic or idea that excites you. Why are you drawn to it? (250 words)*

Version 2:

Being a debater in high school has, in a way, started the conversation of sustainable energy in my head. I mean, I am not blaming the competition committees for having such a recurring theme.

In a projected, post-pandemic world where ‘sustainable’ is the coveted buzzword, I am glad that I have hopped on the train years back thanks to my thought-evoking, physics classes. Every morning on the way to school, I would always check on the Environmental and Health-headlined notifications first as I familiarize myself with issues on the rising sea levels, increasing temperatures, and forest-damaging wildfires in the global stage – heightening conditions I have witnessed first-hand in Indonesia. Feeling the so-called ‘Earth connection’ whenever I would engage in such conversations, I aspire to cultivate my yearning emotions to be able to contribute in some capacity towards my home country post-graduation.

As one of many ways to advocate for environmental health in Indonesia, particularly that of the younger generation and future leaders of the country, my friends and I created an Instagram account dedicated to informing and educating our following on the topics of renewable energy through solar cell panels and empirical findings in green technology, or simply fun facts as we try to make it effectively digestible for our audience segment. Aiming to leverage on our reach through sponsored partnerships, we would simultaneously learn the different engagement tools from polls, giveaways and lives as me and my fellow account founders manifest our passion into action.

*Hi Ravi,*

*With only 250 words to showcase YOUR engagement with the “intellectual topic” you’re interested in, I think your last two paragraphs did not respond to the prompt in any way, shape or form.*

*If you have done/planned things differently than what I wrote about the Instagram handle, feel free to use it as a template to top off the essay with your personal touch. Keep in mind that what the admissions committee would like to see here is the actionable steps you plan/have taken towards a certain interest of yours, such that they can be rest assured that you’re able to make the best use of resources Yale has as a vehicle to achieve your goals and not just dream of it in a vague way.*

*All the best!*

*- Matthew*