**Also, if you encounter any unusual circumstances, challenges, or obstacles in pursuit of your education, share those experiences and how you overcame them. (200-400 words)**

I didn’t expect that moving from an English-based school to an Indonesian-national curriculum would be this difficult. It was my first semester, the bell rang, but instead of running to the hallways to enjoy my break like my other peers, I stayed in my seat contemplating the problems I could be facing with the school materials.

I remember trying my best to follow a lecture on plant reproduction, a topic that was not covered in my previous school. While my peers were focusing on the lecture, my mind was spun around by diagrams and concepts I didn’t understand. Having the lecture delivered in Indonesian added to this confusion, especially with all the scientific words.

In addition, the pace of the course was much different. I remember having taken three science exams in one week. A contrast to my old school where our grades were mainly project based; and that we were given three to four weeks to complete them. The frustration from realizing all the changes that I had to adjust to started to pile up.

One weekend, I questioned myself. Did I make a mistake by choosing to move schools? What am I going to do? I sat in front of my desk for a while and opened my laptop. There I tried something I had never done: search for online lessons. After browsing over 20 websites, paid and unpaid, from YouTube to Udemy, eventually I found a channel called ‘BIG Course”. It was easily the best teacher I have ever found online. I started watching BIG Course videos that weekend to catch up on the topics I had missed at school. But I knew this wasn’t enough. Despite the rigid school schedule, I managed to set up a daily study plan around it, which included every possible detail of the lessons I had to catch up on.

After weeks of spending the extra hours studying online, I was feeling more confident at school. The assignments given started feeling less overwhelming and I started to see score improvements for my exams. I felt more motivated and less exhausted, like a burden had been lifted off my shoulders. I'm happy that I figured out my own way, through online courses and time management, to overcome the unprecedented challenges I initially faced during my transition between schools.