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1 Brief Introduction

My name is Gaurav Batra. In this section I am required to give a brief introduction about me so here it goes:

1. I am an extremely reserved person and have difficulties in expressing my feelings with people I am not familiar with. On the contrary, I am extremely open with my friends and family and share every bit of information with them.

2. I always have mixed views on topics especially if they directly or indirectly affect my friends or family. I am usually uncertain about my decisions, but I am trying hard to change this habit.

3. I get really excited when I do something that everyone thought could not be done or was hard to achieve. Basically, like every human being I kind of get excited and happy when I get attention from my friends.

4. I totally support Thanos and his ideology that erasing half the population of the universe would be good in the long run, in spite of its many downfalls. This is purely my opinion which has been developed through my perception of society. This might be a highly unpopular opinion.

5. I may not be the most talented among my friends but I can claim that I am one of the most hardworking one. So one thing that I like about IIIT, is that it provides opportunities to students to experiment with all kinds of things (like the provision of a honors degree along with bachelors).

6. The thing I do not like about our college is that it does not focus much on extra-curriculars and overall development of the student.

7. I want to do something of significance that is remembered by all humans in future. I know that it is a long shot, but I will give it my best.

2 Why did I take this course and expectations

The following are the main reasons as to why I took this course:

1. We need to fulfill the degree requirements. But, there are a lot of humanities courses that are offered every semester. So, I chose philosophy because I feel that it is connected to computer science in a very special way.

2. One needs to have a strong power of imagination and curiosity to excel in any field and philosophy helps cultivate those qualities in the students. The thought experiments etc, fascinates me, so that is why I chose to take up this elective.

3. Also, understanding different viewpoints of a problem is also an essential part of one's education, which I think can be achieved through philosophy.

3 Does studying philosophy improve a student's thinking ability?

1. In my opinion, any technical knowledge is incomplete without knowledge of concepts of philosophy. Every person at some point, will have to study it directly or indirectly.

2. I am a complete beginner and do not know about the details or the concepts that are taught in philosophy, but I expect that after the course students will learn to understand and appreciate different points of views for a topic and understand that things are not completely black and white in the real world.

3. So, if the students can learn the above things through philosophy, then I think that studying it helps him/her.