Critical Essay

The essay is an important part of your application packet, and helps the Admissions Committee to better understand your background, your goals, and your suitability as a candidate. Successful essays are those that provide clear descriptions into what you have done, what you are hoping to accomplish as a student of this program, and what is truly unique about you as a candidate. Please attach a separate sheet of your essay answering the following questions:

1. Why would you like to pursue the Carnegie Mellon – SSN Master of Science in Information Technology – Software Engineering (MSIT-SE) degree?

2. Describe your relevant academic, industrial, and/or commercial experience, and explain how this experience has prepared you to be successful in this program.

3. Choose one of the projects described above in question #2, and explain an aspect of the project that didn't go according to plan. What lessons did you learn from this experience?

4. Provide any additional information that you want the Admissions Committee to know about you.