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MIT Transfer Admissions

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Recommendation form

We would appreciate your honest assessment of the applicant's intellectual ability, self-confidence, originality, and willingness to accept challenge and responsibility. If the student has unique qualities or characteristics, please bring those to our attention.

Thank you for your contribution to our evaluation process. We very much appreciate the time and energy you put into writing. If you have any questions about this form, please feel free to contact our office.

1. Your acquaintance with the applicant: *

know well

2. How does this student compare academically to other students you have taught? *

One of the top few encountered in my career

3. I recommend this student for MIT *

With reservation

4. How has the student achieved good grades in your class?

By consistent hard work|By grade consciousness|By virtue of memory|By brilliance of mind|By high motivation

5. What are the first words that come to mind to describe the applicant?

Remarkably gifted, diversely educated, demonstrating outstanding abilities to study, single-minded, devoted to physics, strong-minded, concentrated on the problem, purposeful, smart, agreeable.

6. Describe the quality of the applicant's intellect and hard work. Please comment on the student's originality of thought and ability to grasp difficult concepts. In what ways might you distinguish this student's academic performance from that of other able students?

Oleksandr Shumaiev is perhaps one of the best students that I've met in my life. He is extremely creative, intelligent, curious and productive. Oleksandr can solve the most difficult physics problems using a broad variety of methods that

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he is aware of. He is able to switch quickly between problems from various areas of physics, which distinguishes him from other talented students. In addition, Oleksandr has a very powerful mind and outstanding memory: he can become familiarized with and gain a deep understanding of a new concept very quickly by relating it to previously acquired knowledge. Oleksandr has a consistent level of knowledge of related fields such as mathematics and chemistry, which helps him elaborating nontrivial ideas which are not bounded to purely physics.

7. Are there unusual circumstances in the applicant's case (personal or academic) that you feel we should know?

I actually know many talented students that qualitatively possess similar characteristics to Oleksandr's. However, when it comes to comparison, Oleksandr is a way ahead of most of others due to his highly advanced skills in many topics simultaneously and ability to combine them effectively. He beats his most gifted rivals by mental strength and ability to maintain perfect characteristics up to the very end. This helped Oleksandr to qualify and take prize in 2 International Olympiads, 4 National Olympiads, 2 National Young Physicist Tournaments and the Minor Academy of Science research contest.

To say more, Oleksandr's interests are not bounded to physics. Sasha, as he is often called in life, is an extrovert person, he likes spending time with his friends. He shares his hobbies, such as cycling and table tennis, with several of my students and his classmates. I also heard that Oleksandr used to play in professional chess tournaments, however he probably abandoned chess for sake of physics.

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