1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve dispute or contributed to group efforts over time

* In my life I have confront many situations in which I got a chance to play the role of leader. In middle School I started playing basketball; however before that I only used to participate in individual athletic events like 100 and 200 meter race. Basketball was the first ever team sport that I started playing. This sport has taught me a lot. The most salient thing that I learnt was the spirit to never give up. I came to understand that failure is the part and parcel of life and one should never give up and keep on trying unless the goal is achieved as the actual concept of sports lies in taking part in the game. I obtained some of the vital qualities of a leader, when I got the opportunity to become the captain of the basketball team in high school such as I have significantly improved my communication skills, learnt to appreciate constructive criticism, having faith in other teammates, to be a good planner and to be a better listener. Moreover, the best thing I learnt from my experience as a captain is that in order to get promising outcome unity is the best way. Unity is the greatest strength of any team and can make you win even the toughest matches.

Another instance where I got the chance to exercise the role of a leader was when I was honored with the portfolios of School Representative and Vice President of social welfare club. As a school representative my most prominent responsibility was to communicate with my peers and juniors, understand their problems and work in the direction to solve their problems. In addition to this, I also used to play my part in organizing various events in the school and also deliver speech to my fellow students on varied occasions. All these things assisted me in becoming an outspoken person and also made me a lot more confident than before. This gave me a chance to look into things with the perspective of others, consider the ideas of others and in the end come up with something that accommodated interests of everyone. All in all, I have developed a lot of qualities from all these experiences but still there are many more things that I need to learn to demonstrate myself as a good leader.

2 What have you done to make your school or your community a better place .

* A sense of community is very vital for peace and harmony to exist in a society. There are very less occasions on which one gets a chance to do something for others. I am so glad that I got the opportunity to participate in National Service Scheme(NSS) camp organized by my school.NSS is a national organization that encourages youth to take part in social service.

During the camp, I along with my peers started a cleanliness drive under which we all took charge of different areas of the school and insured that cleanliness was maintained. We also attended a seminar conducted by traffic police regarding traffic safety rules. The next day we all went to nearby places campaigning awareness among people relating to different traffic rules and safety regulations. Towards the end of the camp our teachers took us to a village which is at a distance of few kilometers from my school. There we went to a local school, where students from the weaker sections of the society came to learn. We taught those children different subjects like Math’s, English and also some sports activities. Throughout the camp we went to that school but the last day at that school was the most memorable one for me. While I was teaching my group of students I found a new girl in my class. The weird thing I found in her was that she was sitting quietly and not responding to any of the activities. When the class was over , I came to know from her mother who had came to pick her up from the school that she was deaf and dumb and due to their financial condition they could not afford her treatment. I was very shocked to hear that and wanted to do something to help Simran(name of the girl).

The camp was over, I went back home and discussed this with my parents. My parents were very much willing to help her and we went to Simran’s house and took her to a local hospital from where the doctors referred her to PGIMER hospital Chandigarh. The doctors gave her a hearing aid with the help of which she is able to hear now. Her mother was very happy to see her daughter’s health progress and that smile on her mother’s face gave me so much satisfaction that whenever I think of that moment there is always a smile on my face.

I am very overwhelmed that with the help of my parents I was able to make difference in Simran’s life .This camp was truly a memorable one for me.