* What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time.
* Everyone has a unique and talented side and according to me my talented side is that I am good at playing different sports. In my childhood days, I never took sports seriously and used to play games only for fun sake and never intended to participate in any sort of competition. But when I was in grade four my sports teacher asked my parents to let me participate in athletics and my parents agreed. I got selected in the events of 100 meter and 200 meter race for the inter school sports competition. Fortunately, I won two gold medals in both the events and I was very overwhelmed to stand at the first position of the podium, the feeling was truly amazing and motivated me to give my best in the future also. In high school I also played basketball and volleyball in the school team. In grades 9th and 10th ,I was awarded with the title of best athlete in girls under 16 for two consecutive years .

I think for me doing well in sports was a talent that I developed naturally but I always believed in polishing my talent with continuous practice. However, I faced a lot of difficulties in doing that as I live in a small city where the sports stadium is not well equipped.

Also in grade 9th , I got the opportunity to participate in district games and represent my school in 400meter race and long jump. 400 meter race was a big challenge for me as I never took part in this event before but with my hard work and my coach’s guidance I managed a silver medal in that event. Taking part in sports significantly improved my management skills as I learnt to manage studies and sports at the same time and give my best in both the fields.

Apart from this I also used to participate in dance competitions and theatre plays in school. I also took part in various debate contests such as IIMUN (Indian International Model United Nations ) where I participated as a delegate. All these activities helped in my overall development and I really look forward to continue them in future as well.

* Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement.
* Challenges are very important for progress in life. By facing different challenges we gain confidence and also get motivated to move ahead in life. When I was in grade 11th , I also came across such a challenge as I opted for two curriculums that is both CBSE (Central board of secondary education)India and CIE(Cambridge International Education)UK . I made this decision as I wanted to become familiar with foreign system of education.

CIE board was very different from Indian system of education that I had been studying from years. I had my exams for the subject of English, just three months after I was promoted to grade 11 and five months after that were my exams for mathematics, chemistry and physics. The syllabus for these exams was from both 11th and 12th grades. So my actual challenge was to cover as much syllabus as I could for all the subjects which otherwise I would have covered in two years.

In order to overcome this challenge I had to work very diligently. During regular school hours I used to study my CBSE curriculum and after school I had to stay back for the CIE classes. I used to have extra classes even on Saturday and Sundays as the time was short and syllabus was huge. My teachers were very cooperative and guided me whenever I had any trouble. In the end I scored A,B and C grades in A level mathematics, chemistry, physics respectively and keeping in mind the time I had got to prepare , I was quite happy with my performance.

Apart from the grades the most vital thing for me was that I came to learn a lot of new things. The practical’s that I performed during the exams gave me a lot of clarity towards the subjects. I was able to widen up my knowledge. Moreover, the greatest advantage that I had was that I already covered most of my syllabus before even entering 12th grade. All in all, this experience proved very fruitful to me and I gained a lot from this.