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# UC Essay Topics 2020

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

2.Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.

3.What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

4.Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

5.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?

6.Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.

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

8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admission to the University of California?

# Topic #1> Leadership Experience

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

Every year, during the month of November, my high school conducts an annual fest called FIESTA as a sendoff to the twelfth graders. For 2019, our Principal chose me to LEAD this event.

I guess, since I am active in academics, sports, extracurricular activities and accepted by various groups of students in the earlier events, I was trusted to take up this responsibility. The event was conducted on November 9th, 2019 and it.

The event was a grand success but it wasn’t easy to begin with. We had less than two-weeks to prepare for the event and I had to engage with 300 students, where more than 100 of them were interested to participate in various activities including Dancing, Singing, Drama and Standup comedy. People had strong opinions about the venue, food, agenda and came up with new ideas.

With the help of teaching staff and co-organizers (students from various groups), I started with planning the budget. We raised the required funds from students and the school.

At one point, there were conflicts between 11th and 12th grade students regarding the dance songs they wished to perform on. With some advice from my friends and trusted faculty, I incorporated their suggestions to create an agreeable agenda.

I strove to display confidence and spent late evenings working with co-organizers to ensure that the event was a grand success. This experience helped me realize that leadership wasn’t just about having a title - it was a fluid exercise of bringing a team together to transform vision into reality and an innately human desire to be part of something greater. I learned to work with people and empower them to do their best. I hope to inspire people in the same way in college.

# Topic #3> Greatest Talent or Skill

3.What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

I am a tennis player and that I believe is my greatest skill.

Since my childhood, I have been fascinated with sports. I watch and enjoy various sports on TV. From a very young age, I started playing different sports including soccer, tennis and cricket.

Tennis interested me most and all-time tp I started practicing at the age of 7 under the guidance of a professional coach who also trained national level players.

I spent 12-14 hours a week year around in practicing the sport. At the age of 9, I won the under-10 Singles title at the National level and I was featured in local newspapers. I continued playing various open competitions all over India, conducted by AITA (All India Tennis Association). I won the title in "Under-12 Singles" category at National Level, "Under-14 Singles" and "Under-16 Singles and Doubles" at the State Level.

Since it requires a great deal of discipline, hard work and focus to win at the national level and state level competitions, these traits are now a part of my personality. I have also taken up mentorship opportunities and have coached Tennis at school level to younger kids, including my younger sister. .

I received great support from my parents (especially from my Mom), my teachers and my coaches. My school and teachers supported me with my academics specially, when I missed classes during my tournaments.

I would like to continue playing Tennis for college and bring accolades to it like I did for my school.

# Topic #6> Academic subject that inspires you

6.Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.

I love mathematics because it helps in critical thinking and better problem solving skills. Mathematics is also involved in various subjects such as physics to prove many theorems. The fact that mathematical language can prove theorems beyond intuitions is what really astonishes me. In Mathematics, my favorite topics are Probability and Statistics. Statistical data helps us to collect information and draw insights from it. For example, weather forecast and probability of rain on a particular day. It mainly helps to predict the number of outcomes.

In addition to mathematics, I also like to study Computer Science. Although I am not experienced in Computer Science, it follows a certain logic and rhythm that comes very naturally to me. What I find fascinating is the way that the fields are interlinked. Because we can perform many complex statistical programs using computers faster.

Recently, My Father introduced me to a new concept called Data Science which is a combination of mathematics (statistics & probability theory) and Computers. His own company uses a tool called RapidMiner to build artificial intelligence based solutions in Healthcare and Education. I recently started exploring more about RapidMiner which helps to perform various statistical techniques such as standard deviation and predictions. I understood that there are going to be many good job opportunities in this field in the future.

I am passionate about doing anything with Mathematics and Computers.

# Topic #8> What makes you a strong candidate

8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admission to the University of California?

I was born in California, USA and moved to India at the age of 5 due to my father’s job which demanded him to travel all over the world to set up his own software company’s branch offices in Europe (UK, Germany) and Asia (Singapore, India).

I am fortunate to receive the best possible education and training so far from some of the best educational institutes. I have also been fortunate to be supported by good coaches, talented teachers, kind friends, lovely parents and wonderful family.

I believe I have the following qualities to be admitted as a freshman at UC:

1. –Secured enthusiastic about
2. Strong Leader - Selected as a leader among 300 students in 12th grade to organize the annual festival, which was a grand success.
3. Excellent Sports Person - Won the National level Tennis Singles title at the age of 9 and continued to win titles till now. I am featured in many local newspapers.
4. Well Disciplined - I am a down to earth person. I value simplicity and discipline in life. I am a good listener and a fast learner.

I am passionate about meeting new people, exploring various cultures and learning exciting topics in the areas of Mathematics, Computers and Data Science.

I would like to pursue my undergraduate education at UC, USA which are ranked among the best institutes in the world. I am applying to UC so to enhance my existing skills and develop new ones in the area of academics as well as extracurriculars.