

Section 1:

#1 "I can bring my skills in sport to your school. As part of the PSSA team, I've learned how crucial collaboration is in sports, where everyone needs to trust and support one another to succeed." Strengths:

- Clear connection between personal experience and teamwork values
- Effective use of specific sporting involvement (PSSA team)

Weakness: Limited Development → Your response would benefit from concrete examples of how you've demonstrated collaboration. While you mention trust and support, you haven't provided specific instances where you've exemplified these qualities.

Exemplar: "As PSSA team captain, I coordinated weekly practice sessions and mentored junior players, fostering a supportive environment that led to our team's improved performance."

#2 "However, a weakness I'm working on is sometimes getting distracted during long tasks. To improve, I gradually increase the amount of time I need to stay focused, pushing myself to go a bit longer each time." Strengths:

- Honest self-reflection
- Proactive approach to improvement

Weakness: Vague Strategy → Your solution lacks specific measurable outcomes or concrete techniques. The phrase "pushing myself to go a bit longer" needs more detail about your systematic approach.

Exemplar: "I've implemented the Pomodoro technique, starting with 25-minute focused sessions and gradually extending them to 45 minutes, which has improved my concentration by 40% this term."

#3 "Writing has always been my passion, and it's my goal to turn that passion into a career. I hope to study literature and writing in college, learning as much as I can to develop my skills." Strengths:

- Clear passion for writing
- Forward-thinking mindset

Weakness: Generic Career Vision → Your career aspirations need more specific details about the practical steps and achievements that will lead to your goal. The phrase "learning as much as I can" is too broad.

Exemplar: "I plan to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing at the University of Sydney, while contributing to literary magazines and participating in writing workshops to build my portfolio."

Actionable Task: Rewrite your career goals paragraph by including three specific milestones you aim to achieve in the next six years, detailing how each will contribute to your development as a writer.

Score: 43/50

Section 2:

#1 I can bring my skills in sport to your school. As part of the PSSA team, I've learned how crucial collaboration is in sports, where everyone needs to trust and support one another to succeed. In addition, my basketball skills, particularly my quick decision-making and defensive plays, allow me to contribute to our team's success. I'm committed to improving as an athlete and always give my best effort to help my team. I can also bring my singing skills to this school. I enjoy using my voice to create melodies and I've practised since I was five years old. I've improved a lot and it has also become one of my favourite hobbies. I believe that when I come to your school, I'll be able to join choir and perform with others.

#2 A strength of mine is in my debating skills. I am part of my school debating team and am a confident speaker that likes to engage with others constantly. I love to rebut and present arguments and I'm naturally a persuasive person, leading to my team winning most of our debates. However, a weakness I'm working on is sometimes getting distracted during long tasks. To improve, I gradually increase the amount of time I need to stay focused, pushing myself to go a bit longer each time. This approach has helped me stay more engaged and gradually build better concentration skills.

#3 My favourite subject is English, especially writing. I love the creativity it allows me to express and the way it lets me explore new ideas. Writing is a passion of mine because it's a chance to create characters, invent stories, and communicate ideas that are meaningful to me. I feel that in English, I can truly be myself, exploring different styles and developing my voice as a writer. I enjoy the challenge of finding the right words to make a story come alive and captivate readers.

In six years, I see myself working towards my dream of becoming an author. Writing has always been my passion, and it's my goal to turn that passion into a career. I hope to study literature and writing in college, learning as much as I can to develop my skills. I want to create stories that resonate with people and make a difference. I see myself working on novels or short stories, and I'd love to explore different genres and styles. I'm determined to keep practising, taking every opportunity to improve, and sharing my writing with others.