#### Section 1:

#1 "My family has taught me to be determined to succeed and to persevere even when the situation seems unfathomable... my dad was by my side, telling me to think of the question until I got it right."

### Strengths:

- Good use of personal experience to demonstrate family influence
- Clear connection between family support and personal growth

Weakness: Limited depth in describing the scholarly question scenario  $\rightarrow$  Your answer would benefit from providing more details about the specific question and how your father's guidance helped you solve it. The phrase "doing a hard Scholarly question" is quite vague and doesn't give readers a clear picture of the challenge.

"When I encountered a particularly challenging mathematics problem involving complex equations, my father sat with me for two hours, encouraging me to break down the problem step by step until I finally reached the solution."

#2 "I cherish the fact that my family has an academic background... Even though, I have got into Artarmon OC already, they still pressure me to improve and get better results."

## Strengths:

- Shows appreciation for family's educational values
- Mentions specific achievement (Artarmon OC)

Weakness: One-dimensional view of family tradition  $\rightarrow$  Your response focuses solely on academic achievements without mentioning emotional or cultural aspects of family traditions. The phrase "cherish the fact that my family has an academic background" could be expanded to include meaningful family interactions.

"While I deeply value my family's academic excellence, I especially cherish our Sunday evening discussions where we share our weekly challenges and celebrate each other's progress, no matter how small."

#3 "From my father, I have not to not give up until I can't solve or do it... my father encouraged me to work harder and he said the joy of accomplishment would outweigh the rigour and effort"

# Strengths:

- Good example of practical learning
- Shows initiative and determination

Weakness: Unclear sentence structure → Your writing contains confusing phrases like "I have not to not give up until I can't solve or do it" which makes it difficult to understand the message you're trying to convey.

"From my father, I learned to persevere until I complete any task I start, just as I did when assembling the shelf independently while he offered encouragement from afar."

■ Your responses would be more impactful if you included more specific details and examples from your experiences. For instance, when discussing your mother's support, you could describe a particular subject or topic where her review helped you improve. Try to expand your answers by including how these experiences made you feel and what specific skills you developed. Consider adding more dialogue or specific moments that highlight your family's influence.

**Score: 42/50** 

#### Section 2:

1. How has your family shaped the way you approach challenges in life? Can you give a specific example?

My family has taught me to be determined to succeed and to persevere even when the situation seems unfathomable. My family as [has] also taught me the value of persistence through experiences of overcoming hardships together—whether it's sticking together during tough times or supporting one another through personal losses. For instance, one time while I was doing a hard Scholarly question to solve with no time limit, and I was stuck, [while I was struggling with a challenging scholarly question, with no time constraint,] my dad was by my side, telling me to think of the question until I got it right. Another thing they have taught me is to improve from my mistakes. A few years ago, I got a school report that wasn't that satisfactory, I could see my parents were annoyed, but they didn't say it. Instead, they told me to read the whole report and just let the guilt remind me to do better next time.

2. What is one tradition or habit in your family that you cherish the most, and why?

#1 I cherish the fact that my family has an academic background. My mother and my father both graduated from prestigious universities and my grandparents are successful businessmen and use their academic prowess to lead them through tough times. The reason I learn to cherish this is because without the constant reminder that you need to get on with your homework and their support in going through my wrong questions, I would not be in this position today. Even though I have got into Artarmon OC already, they still pressure me to improve and get better results. Without my family's academia prowess, I would be [not be] in the position I am today.

3. Who in your family inspires you the most, and what lessons have you learned from them?

#2 Both of my parents inspire me. Through my father's serious dedication to get a job done and my mother's constant support, they inspire me to become a greater person than I am now. #3 From my father, I have not to not give up until I can't solve or do it [My father taught me never to give up until I've solved a problem]. For example, I was trying to the [build] new shelf they [that] my family had just brought [bought]. Both my mother and my father were busy, so I took the opportunity to build it myself. I worked for almost 2 hours, with a ten-minute break in the middle. In the meantime, my father encouraged me to work harder and he said the joy of accomplishment would outweigh the rigour and effort I put into making the self [shelf].

My mother has also inspired me a lot. What I learnt from her is that you can't make any progress until you fix your failures. Every night, she takes time out of her schedule to review the wrong questions I got during any test. Doing this made me greatly improve and patch up my mistakes, and tell myself that I won't make the same mistakes again. I have both learnt lessons from my mother and father and they inspire me to become a greater person than I am now.