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Geography is the study of interaction between human population and natural environment, which encompasses a vast range of topics from Earth's landscapes and natural hazards, to globalization and sustainability.

The extensive range of issues captivate me due to my thirst for knowledge, discovering new things and the benefits that come from them. I commit to studying Geography, for its academic value, my personal interest, and more importantly, it paves route to my future. Geography has always been a keen interest of mine; therefore, I took Geography as one of my elective subjects to enrich my knowledge, but it was a visit to Yellowstone National Park that initially sparked my enthusiasm for environmental studies.

I enjoyed exploring the Grand Prismatic Spring, whose magnificent coloration never fails to amaze me. I marvel at the volcano's power rising in fumaroles, mud pots and geysers, as well as the diversified wildlife. These extraordinary scales of geothermal features posed many questions: where had this discovery been made and, more intriguingly, how had they formed? My wish to find out more about these landforms and rocks that shelter their intricate beauty started my interest in geography. The presentation of environmental issues in the media has also cultivated my interest of Geography.

Understanding issues impacting our planet such as climate change, poverty, pollution pandemic and more has fueled me with a desire to create sustainable living. Studying Geography allow me to appreciate the Earth as our homeland and provide insight for wise management of planet's finite resources. I become even more interested in these issues after reading articles in periodicals such as National Geographic, The Economist and The Guardian. An article from the Geographical that investigated the

implementation of sustainable agriculture in less developed countries intrigued me.

One measure used allows farmers to produce fertilizer from waste, which is a sustainable alternative to current farming techniques. Having attained the magnificent 7 billion mark, it is vital that develop a more harmonious relationship between population and planet if both are to survive.

Further study of related subject will enable me to tackle these imminent problems. In addition to my studies, I have been involved in a range of fieldwork, which have enabled me to reinforce my geographical techniques. Hong Kong's geographical features provided a fascinating insight into a remarkable and unique way of life.

In visiting mangrove swamps and tombolo first hand, I had a totally different learning experience from what I can see in textbooks. Also, studying Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics have provided a scientific base for my love of geography. They help me when I need to establish hypotheses and analyze data. It also helps me to think logically and how to solve problems.

Along with Geography, I am also keen on sports. I am an extrovert person and as the member of school swimming and athletic team, it is the ideal setting for me to develop my teamwork and communication skills, as well as my confidence. Through competitions, I learnt to be persistent to overcome failures and stay positive when facing adversity. While this requires a considerable amount of determination, effort and time, especially as it runs parallel with HKDSE, it has taught me how to be self-disciplined and manage my time effectively.

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Society is ever-changing, and study of Geography holds the key to the world's problems. It does not only sharpen my knowledge, but also give me a real insight into how the Earth functions. Stepping up to degree level has long been my ambition and I am looking forward to the challenges that I will come across with. I anticipate an exciting and very important experience whilst studying Geography at university.