SAMPLE PERSONAL STATEMENT WRITING FOR LAW ADMISSION TEST (LAT) 10 MARKS

What role you can play in solving problem in your life?

THE BUILDER & PROBLEM SOLVER

Since childhood, I have been an obsessive builder and problem solver. When I was 6, I spent two months digging a hole in my backyard, ruining the grass lawn, determined to make a giant pond after watching a show on TV. At the age of 7, I started a fire in my backyard--to my mother's horror. I neglected chores and spent nights locked in my room drawing pictures and diagrams while my mother yelled at me through the door to go to sleep. I've always been compulsive about the things I set my mind to. The satisfaction of solving problems and executing my visions is all-consuming.

But my obsessive personality has helped me solve other problems, too. When I was 8, I taught myself how to pick locks. I always dreamed of how cool it must have been inside my brother's locked bedroom. So, I didn't eat at school for two weeks and saved up enough lunch money to buy a lock picking set from market. After I wiggled the tension wrench into the keyhole and twisted it counterclockwise, I began manipulating the tumblers in the keyhole with the pick until I heard the satisfying click of the lock and entered the room.

In College, my obsessive nature found a new outlet in art. Being a perfectionist, I often tore up my work in frustration at the slightest hint of imperfection. As a result, I was slowly falling behind in my art class, so I had to seek out alternate solutions to actualize the ideas I had in my head. Oftentimes that meant using mixed media or experimenting with unconventional materials like newspaper or cardboard. Eventually I went on to win several awards, showcased my art in numerous galleries and magazines. Taking four years of art hasn't just taught me to be creative, it's taught me that there are multiple solutions to a problem.

After college, I began to work on more difficult projects, and I channeled my creativity into a different form of art - programming. I'm currently working on an individual project. I'm writing a program in MATLAB that can measure visual acuity and determine what prescription glasses someone would need. I ultimately plan to turn this into a smartphone app to be released to the public.

The fact is that computer coding is in many ways like the talents and hobbies I enjoyed as a child—they all require finding creative ways to solve problems. While my motivation to solve these problems might have been a childlike sense of satisfaction in creating new things, I have developed a new and profound sense of purpose and desire to put my problem-solving skills to better our world.