

## Section 1:

### #1 (First paragraph): a. Strengths:

- Engaging opening questions to capture reader's attention
- Clear thesis statement introducing the main topic

b. Weaknesses: Lack of Specificity Your opening paragraph could benefit from more specific details. The questions are broad, and the thesis statement doesn't provide a clear roadmap for the essay. For instance, "Well, today i'm going go tell you why a high school education is essential for a successful career" doesn't give the reader a preview of your main points.

c. Exemplar: "Have you ever wondered how a high school education can pave the way for a successful career? In this essay, I will explore three key ways high school prepares you for future success: building foundational knowledge, developing crucial social skills, and providing opportunities for personal growth through extracurricular activities."

### #2 (Second paragraph): a. Strengths:

- Uses a specific example (maths and algebra) to illustrate the point
- Emphasises the importance of foundational knowledge

b. Weaknesses: Overgeneralisation Your paragraph makes a broad claim about high school teaching "all the basics of complex work" but only provides one example. The statement "You'll need a full mind of knowledge and determination for any job you choose" is vague and unsupported.

c. Exemplar: "High school provides essential foundational knowledge across various subjects. For instance, in mathematics, you learn algebra, which is crucial for many careers in finance, engineering, and sciences. Similarly, subjects like literature and history develop critical thinking and analytical skills applicable to a wide range of professions."

### #3 (Fourth paragraph): a. Strengths:

- Introduces the concept of extracurricular activities
- Links high school experiences to future opportunities

b. Weaknesses: Lack of Coherence Your paragraph jumps between different ideas without clear transitions. The connection between extracurricular activities, university, and resumé building isn't fully developed. For example, the sentence "Even if it's just

learning a sport, if you practice hard enough in high school, it'll be a piece of cake later in life" doesn't clearly relate to career success.

c. Exemplar: "Participating in extracurricular activities during high school can significantly enhance your university applications and future resumé. Whether you join a sports team, debate club, or volunteer organisation, these experiences demonstrate leadership, time management, and commitment – qualities highly valued by universities and employers alike."

Actionable Task: Rewrite your opening paragraph, focusing on providing a clear thesis statement that outlines the three main points you'll discuss in your essay. Ensure each point is specific and directly relates to how high school education contributes to future career success.

Overall Score: 39/50

## Section 2: Revision Guidelines

(Have you ever wanted to be ~~successful~~ [successful] when you grow up? Do you know the best way to achieve that? ~~Well, today i'm going to tell you why a high school education is essential for a successful career.~~ [In this essay, I will explore why a high school education is essential for a successful career.]) #1

(First and foremost, high school teaches you all the basics of complex work. Take maths for example: at high school you would learn algebra, and if you don't have that skill, when you try to apply for a job related to ~~finance~~ [finance] nothing will suit you, since you didn't learn the basics at school. You'll need a full mind of knowledge and determination for any job you choose.) #2

Additionally, high school is a great way to expand your social skills. From making new friends to chatting online, friends and family support you wherever you go. Public speaking is very important for any job you apply for. Even if you work at a fast food ~~restaurant~~ [restaurant], you'll have to use your voice for many challenges in life, including a job. Going to high school helps you develop these skills that you will use for the rest of your entire life.

Lastly, High school will help you in university and even your resumé. If you have a lot of extra ~~eirricular~~ [curricular] classes in high school, you will have more skills and more ~~opportunites~~ [opportunities] in life. Even if it's just learning a sport, if you practice hard enough in high school, it'll be a piece of cake later in life. So if you go to high school soon, I [I] recommend trying out for any extra ~~eirricular~~ [curricular] subject or sport, to have a better job and life.) #3

Education, social skills and ~~extra curricular activities~~ [curricular activities] are all great examples of ways high school can help you in real life. So next time you question yourself, your parents or your teachers about why you need high school, keep my words in your mind.