

Section 1:

#1: First paragraph a. Strengths:

- You clearly state your thesis in the opening sentence.
- You attempt to support your argument with references to research and a notable figure.

b. Weaknesses: Lack of specificity Your opening paragraph lacks concrete details to support your claim. You mention "recent research" and "studies" without providing any specific information. Similarly, the reference to Albert Einstein is vague and unsupported.

c. Exemplar: "According to a 2023 study by the National Centre for Education Statistics, 82% of high school graduates reported higher job satisfaction and earning potential compared to those without a diploma."

#2: Second paragraph a. Strengths:

- You highlight multiple benefits of high school education beyond academics.
- You provide specific examples of skills learned in high school.

b. Weaknesses: Overgeneralisation You make broad statements about the benefits of high school without acknowledging potential exceptions or counterarguments. For instance, not all high schools offer the same vocational courses, and not all students will find these skills equally useful.

c. Exemplar: "While the specific offerings may vary, many high schools provide vocational courses such as woodworking and food technology, which can equip students with practical skills applicable to both career development and personal life."

#3: Fourth paragraph a. Strengths:

- You emphasise the non-academic lessons learned in high school.
- You connect these lessons to professional success.

b. Weaknesses: Lack of evidence Your claims about the valuable lessons taught in high school are not supported by concrete examples or evidence. The phrase "recipe of personal, social and professional excellence" is vague and cliché.

c. Exemplar: "High school fosters essential professional skills such as time management and teamwork. For instance, meeting assignment deadlines and participating in group projects prepare students for the demands of the workplace."

Actionable task: Rewrite your opening paragraph, focusing on providing specific, credible evidence to support your thesis. Ensure you cite at least one recent study with concrete statistics and explain how it supports your argument.

Overall score: 32/50

Section 2: Revision Guidelines

High school education is necessary for a successful career. Without a shadow of doubt, I believe that high school education is necessary for a successful career. Using recent research, studies have shown that the majority of ~~the~~ [those] people who completed high school education have achieved a great professional outcome. Even the great scientist of all time, Albert Einstein ~~recommended~~ [advocated for] high school. #1

High school is a fantastic place to meet new people from ~~similar~~ [a similar] age group, expand your social circle and form ~~life-long~~ [lifelong] friendships, which in turn can help you grow in your career. High school not only teaches academics but also vocational courses like ~~wood-work~~ [woodwork], food technology, music, drama, and sports. These important skills that you learn will unlock many options to build your career. You might even need these skills in your personal life. Instead of buying pizza~~,~~ you can bake it yourself. And when you want to have something made out of wood, just build it with your carpentry skill. And when you are bored, and need ~~quality-pass-time~~ [quality pastimes]; you can join a local tennis or ~~soccer~~ [football] club. #2

Every single ~~grown-up~~ [grown-up] person in my family has attended a high school, completed graduation in a university and ~~have~~ [has] been financially independent, which proves that high school education plays an important role in the journey to independence.

You might not realise] it, but high school actually teaches you valuable lessons. Instead of skipping high school, stay and learn. High school will also teach you good professional ethics such as punctuality, value of time and ~~hard-and-sincere-work~~ [diligence]. All these values are important ingredients for the recipe of personal, social and professional excellence. #3