## Section 1:

#1: Opening scene (first paragraph) a. Strengths:

- Strong emotional tension through Rick's internal monologue
- Effective use of sensory details with "gurgling of rocket engines" and "silent hiss"
- b. Weaknesses: Show vs Tell  $\rightarrow$  Your writing relies heavily on telling emotions ("heart dropped," "he was doomed") rather than showing through physical reactions or specific details. The description of the crash impact feels rushed and lacks vivid imagery.
- c. Exemplar: "Rick's fingers trembled against the control panel as the rocket engines gurgled beneath him. His mouth went dry as warning lights flashed across the dashboard, each one confirming what he already knew there was no way out."
- #2: Mr. Xu's initial reaction (second paragraph) a. Strengths:
  - Good use of dialogue to convey information
  - Creates intrigue about the cause of the crash
- b. Weaknesses: Character Development → Your dialogue feels mechanical and lacks personality. Mr. Xu's statement "How could this have happened" reads more like an information dump than natural speech. The transition between scenes is abrupt.
- c. Exemplar: "Mr. Xu paced before the press conference podium, his usually composed demeanour cracking. 'This rocket represented the pinnacle of our technology,' he said, his voice tight with disbelief."
- #3: Confrontation scene (final paragraphs) a. Strengths:
  - Creates tension through the reveal of the culprit
  - Includes a twist with the second chance
- b. Weaknesses: Dialogue Authenticity  $\rightarrow$  Your dialogue lacks subtlety and emotional depth. The sudden shift from extreme anger ("YOU'RE FIRED") to forgiveness feels unmotivated and needs more development.
- c. Exemplar: "'Why?' Mr. Xu's voice was barely above a whisper, but it carried more weight than any shout. 'Why risk everything we've built?'"

Actionable Task: Rewrite the confrontation scene between Mr. Xu and the culprit, focusing on building tension through body language and subtle dialogue rather than explicit statements. Include at least three specific physical reactions or gestures to show their emotional states.

**Score: 40/50** 

## Section 2:

#1 Rick's heart dropped as he heard the gurgling of the rocket engines. He was doomed. There wasn't a cloud with a silver lining now. All he could do was painfully wait to be rocketed back to the earth's surface. A siren wailed throughout the rocketship as Rick hopelessly closed his eyes. He couldn't do anything now, could he? [What else could he do now?] He could hear the engine power off with a silent hiss. The rocket fell back and back and back. A hush washed upon a crowd watching as they traced their eyes as they watched helplessly as the rocket slowly smashed into their land, wiping out a whole state. [A horrified hush fell over the crowd as they watched helplessly, the rocket plummeting towards their land. The impact obliterated an entire state.]

#2 On the same day, a news report stated the incident that happened with the rocket's fuel leaking. "How could this have happened, the rocket was equipped with the latest technology and still it erashes? Unbelievable!" ["How could this possibly happen? This rocket represented the peak of modern technology. Its failure is simply inconceivable!"] Stated renowned scientist, Mr. Xu. "We need to investigate more. This couldn't have happened. We've tested it multiple times in the exact conditions. We are absolutely sure about it. Someone must have sabotaged this [,"] claimed Mr. Xu at the conference. The group murmured in agreement. "Now, should we check the camera's and see who has done it!" ["Let's review the security footage to identify the perpetrator!"] Sweat bead [beaded] down everyone's neck. Not only they wanted to know who it was, but if it was them, what would they do?

#3 As Mr.Xu brought up the multiple cameras on his personal monitor, the people gasped. One by one, they left the room, dismissing each other, until the culprit was facing Mr. Xu. "And why did you risk the life of one of our most experienced pilots?" Questioned [questioned] Mr. Xu. "I don't know sir [,]" he replied. "Very well. YOU'RE FIRED AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE EVER AGAIN!" Screamed [screamed] Mr. Xu. "Yes sir," The culprit hung his head down and trudged away. "Wait. I'll give you one more chance [,]" Mr. Xu hesitantly said. "Thank you sir. I won't fail you again [,]" he replied.