

Section 1:

#1 (First project response) Strengths:

- Strong use of specific details about the FLL competition, demonstrating clear understanding
- Effective connection between the project and personal growth in both technical and social skills

Weaknesses: Lack of quantifiable impact → Your response would be more compelling if you included specific achievements or metrics. For instance, phrases like "enabled me to showcase my coding skills" could be strengthened with concrete examples of what you accomplished.

Exemplar: "Through FLL, I led our team's coding efforts which resulted in our robot successfully completing 8 out of 10 challenge tasks, earning us second place in the regional competition."

#2 (Handling challenges response) Strengths:

- Shows self-awareness in identifying areas needing improvement
- Demonstrates practical approach to time management

Weaknesses: Limited strategy elaboration → Your response primarily focuses on time allocation but misses opportunities to showcase your problem-solving methods. The phrase "work on maths more days" lacks specificity about your actual learning techniques.

Exemplar: "When struggling with Mathematics, I dedicate focused study blocks where I work through practice problems systematically, seeking help from teachers during consultation hours, and using online resources like Khan Academy to reinforce concepts."

#3 (Organisation strategies response) Strengths:

- Clear explanation of prioritisation system
- Practical example of using a diary for task management

Weaknesses: Surface-level organisation description → Your response could benefit from more sophisticated organisational techniques. The phrase "write things down in a diary" suggests basic planning without demonstrating higher-level management skills.

Exemplar: "I maintain a detailed digital planning system where I colour-code tasks by urgency and subject area, while setting specific completion milestones for larger assignments."

Actionable Task: Rewrite your responses focusing on specific outcomes and measurable achievements. For each strategy or project mentioned, include at least one concrete result or metric that demonstrates its effectiveness.

Score: 40/50

Section 2:

#1 So one of my favourite projects that I'm proud of is FLL. ~~Basically,~~ [Specifically,] FLL is a competition incorporating mechanisms and coding. FLL is short for First Lego League, and it's a project that our school participated in. ~~It is basically when~~ [In this competition,] different schools compete together ~~on which school can code their robots~~ [to code robots] to complete the tasks and gain the most points. I am particularly proud of this project as it enabled me to showcase my coding skills and enhance them. I was also able to improve my social skills and get to know my teammates better as we worked ~~elose~~ [closely] together.

#2 I handle challenges in subjects that I find difficult by practising those types of subjects a lot. For example, if my weakness is Mathematics, then I would prioritise it and work on maths more days than other subjects. I would also have different approaches to the subject. ~~So if I knew I was going to finish off English quicker, then I would finish it off then move onto the harder subject, so i kind of alternate between my two strategies.~~ [I strategically complete quicker subjects like English first before tackling more challenging ones, alternating between these approaches.]

#3 One strategy that I use to stay organised and manage my workload is to order everything in priority, from most important to least ~~so~~ [, which allows me] to get them done in a quick and efficient way. For example, if homework is due ~~by~~ tomorrow or today, I would put that ~~in front of~~ [at the top of] my list, then the next as the most amount of homework. Another way is keeping track of what I'm doing in a diary. I usually write things down in a diary or ~~a piece of paper on~~ [note down] what I need to do [. For instance,] ~~for example,~~ English – Steve writing and English test, then GA – Albert GA test.

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#1 - First Paragraph Strengths:

- Clear stance on the topic with a definitive position against animal testing
- Introduces key arguments that are developed throughout the essay

Weaknesses: Unfocused Introduction → Your opening paragraph contains contradictory statements and unclear reasoning. The phrase "While some may believe that animals are not worthy of humans, and others completely disagree" creates confusion about the opposing viewpoints. The three main points are listed abruptly without proper development.

Exemplar: "Animal testing remains a contentious ethical issue in modern society. While proponents argue it advances medical research, the practice raises serious concerns about animal welfare, ethical treatment, and scientific reliability. This essay will examine why animal testing should be discontinued."

#2 - Second Main Body Paragraph Strengths:

- Effective use of emotional appeal through vivid imagery
- Clear topic sentence establishing the ethical argument

Weaknesses: Overdramatic Tone → Your emotional appeal becomes excessive and loses impact. The phrases "tormenting hands of the surgeon" and "unable to blink again" shift the focus from logical argumentation to sensationalism.

Exemplar: "The procedures involved in animal testing often cause significant distress and suffering. Animals endure invasive procedures and prolonged confinement, experiencing physical pain and psychological trauma that cannot be justified ethically."

#3 - Conclusion Strengths:

- Attempts to tie arguments together
- Ends with a thought-provoking question

Weaknesses: Incomplete Summary → Your conclusion introduces new ideas rather than synthesising your main arguments. The phrase "even though animal testing may be beneficial in a way" presents a counterargument too late in the essay without proper development.

Exemplar: "The harmful effects on animal welfare, ethical concerns about cruelty, and unreliability of animal testing results clearly demonstrate why this practice should be discontinued. Alternative testing methods can provide more humane and scientifically valid approaches."

Actionable Task: Rewrite your introduction paragraph focusing on presenting a clear thesis statement that outlines your three main arguments against animal testing, ensuring each point directly connects to your body paragraphs.

Score: 41/50

Section 2:

~~#1 Animal testing has been one of the most controversial topics in our daily lives. While some may believe that animals are not worthy of humans, and others completely disagree.~~ [Animal testing remains one of the most controversial topics in contemporary society, with deeply divided opinions on its ethical implications.] I believe that animal testing is not a go because it is harmful to animals and because it is cruel to do so. ~~Also,~~ [Additionally,] animals are not a reliable source.

~~Many companies, specifically, medical and beauty companies,~~ [Many medical and beauty companies] use animals as a test project, naive about the consequences of [for] the animals. Even though we may think it is okay to test products on them, it may be extremely unethical as it would be more harmful than needed. Who knows what harm we could do to the animals if we used them as a test subject? According to Humane Society International, animal testing can be harmful in ways of distressing them and placing them in a position where they are suffering.

#2 Second, animal testing is unethical because it is cruel to the animals. Even though there are kinder ways of animal testing such as taking animals that are naturally sick, they may still suffer afterwards from the testing. Just imagine the tormenting hands of the surgeon poking and prodding the animal in all different places, making them yelp and squeal in pain. Imagine poor animals slumping down in distress because of immense torture, unable to blink again.

#3 ~~Lastly~~ [Finally], animals are not a reliable source because they are not really humans. Even though we may have similar genetics and DNA, they are not completely identical. Animals are definitely not humans (besides ourselves/homo sapiens) and if a test works on them, the product still has a chance that it could have mass fatality in our life. For example, a skin care cream works on an animal and the company releases the product. Many people have skin problems such as rashes and eczema, but one problem... Just because it works on the animal, does not mean it

works on us humans. So in the end, the skin cream worsened the situation of the people, sending them to hospitals. Do you really want people suffering because of animal testing?

~~In conclusion~~ [To conclude], even though animal testing may be beneficial in a way, not animal testing outweighs the other argument because it is harmful to them, it is extremely cruel, and is not a reliable source. Can't you imagine a world without animal testing and a world where you can enjoy the company of cruelty free animals?