## Section 1:

#1 (First encounter with Mark) Strengths:

- Strong opening that immediately establishes the unique achievement
- Effective use of specific temperature details to create context

Weaknesses: Inconsistent Tense Usage → Your dialogue switches between present and past tense. The phrase "you all might've seen the news, I am the first person" demonstrates this inconsistency, disrupting the flow of the conversation.

Exemplar: "Hello, as you might have seen in the news, I've become the first person to run a marathon in the unforgiving Sahara."

#2 (Training description) Strengths:

- Well-structured progression of training methods
- Good balance between technical details and conversational tone

Weaknesses: Fragmented Information Flow  $\rightarrow$  Your description jumps between different training aspects without smooth transitions. The phrase "However, there were some easier parts, like hiking... 10 km a day" appears disconnected from the previous information.

Exemplar: "My training was comprehensive, ranging from intense high-altitude running to daily 10-kilometre hikes with weighted backpacks. My coach even installed a treadmill in a private sauna to simulate desert conditions."

#3 (Snake encounter) Strengths:

- Vivid storytelling that creates tension
- Effective use of specific details about the snake species

Weaknesses: Run-on Sentences  $\rightarrow$  Your narrative contains several run-on sentences that diminish the impact. The phrase "Though it was terrifying, it was one of the funnest, because I came face to face, with the world's most venomous snake ever" needs clearer structure.

Exemplar: "Despite being terrifying, the encounter was thrilling as I came face to face with the world's most venomous snake. Though I had to sprint away, which wasn't ideal during a marathon, I managed to escape."

Actionable Task: Rewrite the snake encounter paragraph, focusing on creating clear sentence boundaries and maintaining consistent tense throughout the narrative.

## Overall Score: 40/50

## Section 2:

Host: Hello and welcome Totoday's Insider Interviews and today, we will be catching up to [with] one of the world's best marathon runners. Let me introduce, Mark! #1

Mark: Hello, yes, you all might've seen the news, [as you might have seen in the news,] I am the first person to run a marathon in the unforgiving Sahara. Now, this desert can reach temperatures like 50 degrees eelsius [Celsius] and at night, it can quite easily get to negative four degrees.

Host: Yes, indeed, now Mark, before we get to all the hard things, what was your training like? #2

Mark: Hmm, I wouldn't call my training the easier part, in fact, it was probably harder than everything. My training consisted of High altitude running, and hiking with weighted backpacks. [My training consisted of high-altitude running and hiking with weighted backpacks.] My coach even booked a private sauna and bought a treadmill. I think you all know where that one was going. However, there were some easier parts, like hiking... 10 km a day.

Host: Yes, that must've been very very hard, now, what was the scariest part?

Mark: The scariest? Probably my encounter with a snake. So around the 20km mark, [Around the 20-kilometre mark,] I was chased by an inland taipan. These snakes were one of the most venomous and if it caught me, I could've died. So, I sprinted, which wasn't ideal, and bare got away. [I sprinted, which wasn't ideal during a marathon, and barely got away.] Though it was terrifying, it was one of the funnest, because I came face to face, with the world's most venomous snake ever. [Despite being terrifying, it was one of the most exciting moments, as I came face to face with the world's most venomous snake.] #3

Host: Okay, don't think I would ever want to do that. Now, what was it like when you finished the marathon?

Mark: I was tired, when the finish was in my vision. I was red as a lobster, and tears blurred my vision, my family cheering and memories flooded my brain. My training and the encounter with the inland taipan, it was truly the most spectacular part of the journey.

Host: Yes, now, what would you have done, if you failed?

Mark: I would've trained harder, and it might be easier, since I knew what I was up against and probably succeeded on the second try.

Host: Okay, now the last question. Do you have anything to tell our viewers, before we leave?

Mark: Well for the kids, always follow your dream and never give up, even if you failed. For the adults and parents, make sure your kids are following their dream, and I hope you guys are too. So thank you for having me today.

Host: No, thank you for being here and all our viewers definitely, appreciate you too, so thanks.