## Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph) Strengths:

- Clear stance on extending break time by 10 minutes
- Good emotional appeal by speaking on behalf of students and staff

Weaknesses: Lack of specific benefits  $\rightarrow$  Your opening paragraph provides general reasons without concrete examples. When you mention "keep our bodies healthy and help us grow", you need to explain exactly how. Your introduction would be more persuasive with specific examples of health benefits.

Exemplar: Our break time should be extended by 10 minutes because research shows that students who take proper breaks have better concentration levels, improved physical health through increased movement, and enhanced social interactions with peers.

#2 (Second paragraph, first point) Strengths:

- Uses numerical evidence about required outside time
- Links to realistic student challenges like extracurricular activities

Weaknesses: Unclear logical connection  $\rightarrow$  Your argument about "2 hours per day" and "13 hours per week" doesn't clearly connect to why specifically 10 minutes would solve this problem. The phrase "Thus, it is your responsibility" needs more explanation about why the school should take this responsibility.

Exemplar: Adding 10 minutes to our break would provide an additional 50 minutes of outdoor time per week, helping us reach the recommended daily physical activity levels despite our busy after-school schedules.

#3 (Third paragraph, teacher's perspective) Strengths:

- Considers multiple stakeholders (teachers)
- Provides specific examples of teachers' tasks

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped argument  $\rightarrow$  Your point about teachers working until 6:00 doesn't directly support why 10 extra minutes during break would help. The phrase "Thus, in order to keep your staff working" needs a stronger connection to the main argument.

Exemplar: Teachers currently spend their breaks managing playground issues and marking work, leaving them exhausted. An extra 10 minutes would allow them to properly rest and return to class more energised, resulting in better teaching quality.

■ Your writing would benefit from more specific examples showing how exactly 10 minutes would make a difference. Try to expand each point with real-life scenarios that students and teachers face. You could strengthen your argument by explaining the direct impact of longer breaks on learning outcomes. Your conclusion could be more impactful by adding a clear call to action.

Actionable Task: Rewrite your second paragraph focusing specifically on how 10 extra minutes would directly contribute to reaching the required 2 hours of daily outside time, including specific activities students could do in those extra minutes.

**Score: 40/50** 

## Section 2:

Do you ever experience the feeling when your break is too short? I am speaking behalf [on behalf of] all the students and staff that our break time should be 10 minutes longer. This is because it will keep our bodies healthy and help us grow, we would be more active and optimistic in class and your hard-working staff would at least get ten minutes of break time. #1

If we extend our recess period by ten minutes, our bodies will physically become healthier. We need just under 2 hours per day of time outside, or 13 hours per week. Our break time outside combined only make out [makes up] one hour, so at least 10 minutes extra time is necessary. As well as that, most of us are busy after school, working hard for extracurricular classes and tests, doing the school homework you assigned for us, or/and [and] house chores. Thus, it is your responsibility to rise [raise] our health levels by giving us ten extra minutes of break time, no hospital needed. #2

In addition, ten extra minutes of break time would keep us active and engaged in class. What's the point of the classroom discipline poster, which says that we should be active and engaged learners, when we are too tired due to irrational and unrealistic break times? We try hard to follow our rules whilst our eyes are trying to stay awake. Well, now it's your turn to try and help us. For example, a very intriguing class discussion will go wrong if we are not energised yet. Therefore, you must help us by adding an additional ten minutes to our break time. Furthermore, our teachers need actual break time. Teachers, even on break, need to sacrifice the time to mark worksheets, tests or deal with playground issues. With an extra ten minutes, you can almost ensure that

teachers also get their well-deserved break time. As we get to go home at 3:30pm, some teachers have to keep working until it is 6:00. Thus, in order to keep your staff working, you must add an extra ten minutes to our break time. #3

In summary, we definitely need ten extra minutes of break time. It will keep us healthy, leading to us being stronger and happier, we would be more active and tolerant in class and your eye-rubbing staff will get some break time. In order to fill our hearts with joy, and to fill our minds with fuel, call your organisation and at least trial the idea for an extra ten minutes!