TERM 1 2025 | 15th April | DAY 3 | HOLIDAY WRITING

Section 1:

- #1 (First paragraph): Strengths: Your vivid imagery creates a compelling contrast between pristine nature and its potential destruction. Your use of rhetorical questions engages the reader effectively. Weakness: Overreliance on abstract description → While your imagery is evocative, it lacks concrete examples that would make climate change feel more immediate and real to your audience. Phrases like "beautiful haven" and "welcoming asylum" remain conceptual rather than specific. Exemplar: *The Arctic ice caps that once covered 7.5 million square kilometres in 1980 have shrunk by over 40% today, turning what was a vast frozen wilderness into rapidly disappearing slush.*
- #2 (Fourth paragraph): Strengths: Your transition from hypothetical scenario to real-world warning is effective. Your urgent tone creates appropriate emotional impact for your topic. Weakness: Limited evidence → Your statements about climate change impacts lack specific data or examples to substantiate your claims. Phrases like "glaciers are melting at unprecedented rates" would be more compelling with concrete statistics or specific locations. Exemplar: Climate change isn't just a mere rumour; it's measurable reality affecting us right now. The Thwaites Glacier in Antarctica—nicknamed the "Doomsday Glacier"—is losing 50 billion tonnes of ice annually, while the UK recorded its hottest summer ever in 2022, with temperatures climbing to a catastrophic 40.3°C.
- #3 (Sixth and seventh paragraphs): Strengths: Your call to action is passionate and emphasizes collective responsibility. You effectively use repetition of "I plead with you" to create emotional resonance. Weakness: Vague solutions → Your proposed actions lack specificity and practical guidance. Phrases like "halt the burning fossil fuels" and "stop being unsustainable" don't provide your audience with clear, actionable steps they can take. Exemplar: I plead with you to join me in making specific changes: replace one car journey with public transport each week, reduce your meat consumption by having two plant-based days weekly, and write to your local MP demanding stronger renewable energy targets.
- Your speech shows promise with its passionate tone and rhetorical questions, but it needs more specific examples to bring climate change from abstract concept to concrete

reality. Additionally, your call to action would benefit from practical, achievable suggestions that listeners can implement immediately. The AIDA structure is present but needs strengthening, particularly in the Interest and Desire sections where specific data points would build credibility. Also, while you've used rhetorical questions effectively, your speech would benefit from identifying and labeling the five different rhetorical devices requested in the prompt. Your emotionally evocative language works well, but consider engaging more senses beyond just visual descriptions. For instance, you could describe the sound of cracking ice shelves or the taste of dust in drought-stricken areas.

Overall Score: 43/50

Section 2:

Life, at its core, is a beautiful haven — a place where lakes are pristine, forests are lush and full of life, and the incessant sky looming above us is a natural, clear-blue beauty. Now, let us answer this: What would we do if this welcoming asylum were gone? What would happen when gardens that were previously flourishing were now brittle and brown, and the sun that once gave warmth was now a deadly ray that parched our land? What would happen when water has been reduced to mere droplets, and our once-abundant life, from bees swirling around to trees brushing and dancing against the gentle wind, has only faded into a dream?

#1 What would we do, all stranded in a harsh, unforgiving environment? What would we do when the nature that had once supported us had disappeared? What would we do, alone, with little to survive on?

Now hold the picture in your head for a moment. It feels like a nightmare, right? Well, I can guarantee you, this isn't just a bad dream, this is what scientists warn us about, and it could very well be the future of OUR, and I mean OUR beautiful planet if we do not take action immediately.

#2 Climate change isn't just a mere rumour [rumour]; it's real, and it's affecting us right now. The signs are everywhere. Glaciers are melting at unprecedented rates, wildlife is vanishing from ecosystems, and temperatures are climbing to catastrophic levels. Time is ticking, and if we don't take action now, then not only will our planet suffer, but we will

too. This isn't a distant threat, but a present crisis that will cause irreparable damage to our environment if we don't act fast.

But it's not too late. Our beautiful planet can still be saved, but only if we act boldly and quickly. We need to protect our ecosystems. We need to halt the burning fossil fuels [of fossil fuels]. We need to stop being unsustainable. And we need to change our habits.

#3 We have an opportunity to save our environment, and to help the planet we cherish. So please, I don't just ask you, I urge you — we must act together, as a community. The future of the world is in our grasp, and every decision and action, no matter how small it is, can make a big difference. I plead with you to join me in making a change. I plead with you to be part of this movement, to take responsibility, and ensure a sustainable future for all of us.

Let us stand united for the planet, for generations to come, and for the earth we call home.

Thank you for your time.