

Section 1:

#1: Opening Paragraphs (The forest imagery) Strengths: Your use of the "close your eyes" technique creates an engaging and immersive beginning. The contrast between the imagined forest and reality effectively illustrates environmental degradation. Weakness: Underdeveloped transition → The shift between the imaginative exercise and your main argument happens too abruptly, leaving readers without a clear understanding of your overall message about climate change specifically. Exemplar: *Close your eyes for just a minute. Imagine a forest. What do you want to see? I would like to see trees standing tall and full of life, reaching their branches to greet you, whilst in the background deer sip water from the river streaming through our shared home. Now open them. The reality of climate change presents a stark contrast: trees either dead or barely alive, the once energetic deer now reduced to bones, and riverbanks that were sources of life transformed into barren deserts.*

#2: Evidence Paragraph Strengths: You attempt to incorporate factual evidence which strengthens your argument. Your direct statement "This isn't a theory. We have proof!" creates emphasis. Weakness: Imprecise claims → Your statistics about 2050 predictions lack specific sources and contain some questionable assertions (like "all the trees in the world will be cut down"). Exemplar: *This isn't mere speculation—the evidence is compelling. Scientists worldwide have documented our environmental impact through rigorous research. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, if we continue our current trajectory, by 2050 we face devastating consequences: significant deforestation across continents, dangerous pollution levels in densely populated regions like India, and sea level rises of up to one metre that threaten coastal areas including much of Bangladesh.*

#3: Solutions Paragraph Strengths: You provide concrete, actionable steps that individuals can take. The three-point structure makes your suggestions clear and memorable. Weakness: Limited scope → Your solutions focus solely on individual actions without addressing systemic or policy-level changes needed to address climate change comprehensively. Exemplar: *We can make meaningful differences through both personal and collective action. At the individual level, we should replace single-use plastics with reusable alternatives, reducing the carbon emissions from plastic*

production. Additionally, increasing plant life—even simple seed-planting from everyday fruits—can help restore ecosystems. Whilst conserving water through shorter showers contributes to conservation efforts, we must also advocate for corporate responsibility and governmental policies that address emissions at scale.

■ Your speech shows passion and creativity, particularly in your descriptive language and personal connection to the issue through your grandfather's story. However, you could significantly strengthen your argument by providing more specific and accurate information about climate change impacts. Your solutions section would benefit from expanding beyond individual actions to include community or policy-level changes. Additionally, your speech lacks a paragraph addressing opposing viewpoints as requested in the prompt. To improve, focus on tightening your opening imagery to connect more explicitly to climate change, incorporate more precise evidence with credible sources, and broaden your solutions to include different scales of action. Also, consider how someone might disagree with your points and address those concerns directly in your speech.

Overall Score: 44/50

Section 2:

Close your eyes for just a minute. Imagine a forest. What do you want to see? I would like to see the trees standing tall and full of life, reaching their branches to greet you, while in the background deer sip water from the river streaming down through the endless land of dreams. Now open them. What do you see now? Trees are either dead or barely alive, grasping for nutrients that are nonexistent. The once energetic deer are now piles of lifeless bones, waiting to be decomposed. The riverbank, which was once a source of life, is now a sign of misfortune because of the dry desert it has now become. No matter how much we try to push the truth back, it is inevitable that our actions will come to bite us back. It is obvious that we are doing something wrong. #1

Remember the sky-blue birds that once roamed the parks and sang their songs innocently? Remember the fresh pristine air we once took for granted? Remember the rivers we swam in as if we were the ones who created them? Look at them now. They're

either polluted, endangered or completely gone. How's all our knowledge being used? Poisoning this loving earth even more?

This isn't a theory. We have proof! Scientists all over the world have seen our actions. They've done all the tests and seen all the possibilities and what they've seen isn't a fairy tale. In 2050, if we continue our current path, it is predicted that all the trees in the world will be cut down and all of India will be polluted and sea levels will rise by 1 ~~meter~~ [metre], resulting in Bangladesh ~~to be~~ [being] completely submerged in the water. #2

My grandfather, who was a fisherman, worked day and night to make ends meet. To make my mother and her siblings have a bright future. What if he saw this horrid future. Fish lying on their back in the greasy seas. This is not a book, nor a movie. This isn't when God dies nor when the sun explodes. This is now and now is the time to act.

It isn't hard to make a big difference in changing our world. If we at least take one of these simple steps, we can make a better world for everyone. The first thing we should implement in our lives are real utensils. By this I mean we should stop using single-use plastic and start bringing ~~our-owns~~ [our own] cutlery. This change would greatly benefit us, as it would lower the carbon emissions produced when plastic is made. We can also start planting more plants. These don't have to be too expensive, just ~~seed~~ [seeds] from fruits. Lastly, I'm sure we can all ~~minimize~~ [minimise] the usage of water by taking showers that are less than 4 minutes. #3

If we put in an effort, I'm sure we can all make an impact for the better and we can revive our once lush environment and bring back the singing birds and the river of dreams. If my grandfather were here today watching us make this effort, he would be more than proud of what we've accomplished today. I plead to you one last time that we all try to bring back what we take for granted and don't further dig our own graves.