

Section 1:

#1 "Close your eyes for a moment, and imagine waking up to the desperate sound of the population's gasps of air as their lungs gradually strain against the thick, polluted air. Picture yourself, not walking on fresh, green grass but strolling across splintered pieces of fragile glass disguising as cracked, parched landscapes. Envision reaching out for water, but not grasping even just a droplet of water."

Strengths:

- You use vivid imagery that appeals to multiple senses
- Your language creates an emotional impact

Weaknesses: Repetitive wording → You repeat the word "water" in the same sentence, which weakens the impact of your imagery. You also use "air" twice in close proximity, reducing the effectiveness of your description.

Exemplar: ***Close your eyes for a moment, and imagine waking up to the desperate sound of people gasping as their lungs strain against the thick, polluted atmosphere. Picture yourself, not walking on fresh, green grass but strolling across splintered pieces of fragile glass disguising as cracked, parched landscapes. Envision reaching out for moisture, but failing to grasp even a single droplet.***

#2 "We saw this reality once in 2019-2020, where 3 billion animals died of hunger, starvation, and exposure to the temperature. Each cinder that rose from those fires carried on until now, where many countries, not just Australia, are suffering from intense calefaction."

Strengths:

- You include a specific example from recent history
- You connect local events to global consequences

Weaknesses: Unclear connection → The link between the first and second sentences isn't clearly explained. The image of cinders "carrying on" is confusing and the connection to global warming needs to be more direct.

Exemplar: ***We witnessed this reality during the 2019-2020 bushfires, when 3 billion animals perished from hunger and exposure to extreme temperatures. The devastating impacts of those fires weren't isolated incidents—they represent the intensifying climate crisis affecting not just Australia, but countries worldwide.***

#3 "We stand now in our world, reduced to just an object of memory, something to remind us of the mistakes we have previously done by not addressing climate change at all. This problem

can now be countered, if we all take a part in finding a solution. This is our problem, and for every single individual who doesn't join us in this revolution, 1% of our natural beauty we still have remaining gets reduced to a crisp."

Strengths:

- You create a sense of shared responsibility
- You emphasize the urgency of taking action

Weaknesses: Confusing timeline → You shift between present and future tenses in a confusing way. First, you suggest the world is already "reduced to an object of memory," then you say the problem "can now be countered."

Exemplar: ***Without immediate action, our world risks becoming merely a memory, a reminder of our failure to address climate change. This crisis can still be countered if we all participate in finding solutions. Every person who joins our movement strengthens our ability to preserve the natural beauty we still have left.***

■ Your persuasive speech has powerful emotional appeal through vivid imagery, but needs clearer organization. Your opening immediately grabs attention with the invitation to imagine a dystopian future. However, your middle paragraphs could be more focused on specific actions your audience can take. Also, you mention a "revolution" and "rebellion" without explaining what specific steps this involves. You could improve by adding a clear section that outlines 2-3 specific actions your fellow students can take. Additionally, your conclusion could be stronger by ending with a hopeful vision of what success might look like if everyone joins your cause. Your speech would be more persuasive if you created a stronger contrast between the negative consequences of inaction and the positive results of taking steps together.

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**Score: 44/50**

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Section 2:

### ***Environmental Protection: Climate Change***

My fellow students and esteemed teachers, as we all are gathered here today, I must address an urgent matter regarding climate change. This issue is something that is going to affect us all in the next few decades of our lives, unless we have something to do about it.

#1 Close your eyes for a moment, and imagine waking up to the desperate sound of the population's gasps of air as their lungs gradually strain against the thick, polluted air. Picture yourself, not walking on fresh, green grass but strolling across splintered pieces of fragile glass disguising as cracked, parched landscapes]. Envision reaching out for water, but not grasping

even just a droplet of water. Now open your eyes, and remember that this is not merely a nightmare, nor a dystopian film. This is something far worse, a problem with no solution, unless we make one.

Let us all think deeply about this one question-*\*do you want this issue to continue, or not?*  
*\*Consider, for a moment, the barren, harsh world that awaits us. Scientists from NASA who are currently investigating Climate Change predict that our once vibrant blue oceans filled with marine choreography will become acidic teal wastelands where calcium-dependent creatures dissolve in slow, excruciating deaths. These same waters that cradled life will rise by one metre by 2050, drowning coastal, marine cities under merciless tsunamis that sweep away centuries of human history and displace hundreds of millions of climate refugees. Is this the inheritance we wish to leave? Is this the legacy we wish to uphold? Is this the future we want our descendants to live in?*

The truth still cuts even deeper. Here in Australia, our beloved bushlands were once alive with the golden wattle, now wilting to shreds and the eucalyptus trees, now reduced to mere branches. Each now transformed into summer hellscape where flames leap from crown to crown with terrifying velocity where the very air shimmers with intense heat. Wildlife trapped and panicked, unable to escape the ruthless fires of hell, flee until the heat eventually holds them captive.

#2 We saw this reality once in 2019-2020, where 3 billion animals died of hunger, starvation, and exposure to the temperature. Each cinder that rose from those fires carried on until now, where many countries, not just Australia, are suffering from intense calefaction.

Yet these catastrophes are just the visible symptoms of a deeper planetary fever, as Earth's delicate systems convulse against the infection of our excess. Make no mistake, when we talk about climate change, we are not discussing an abstract environmental challenge. We are talking about your future, your future, your prosperity, your very ability to ~~recognize~~ [recognise] the world your grandparents described to you. Even now, as we sit in our auditorium, with its luminescent lights and climate-controlled air, the molecules of carbon released are wrapping around our planet like a thick, steamy blanket. This is our moment, not someone else's, ours.

#3 We stand now in our world, reduced to just an object of memory, something to remind us of the mistakes we have previously done by not addressing climate change at all. This problem can now be countered, if we all take a part in finding a solution. This is our problem, and for every single individual who doesn't join us in this revolution, 1% of our natural beauty we still have remaining gets reduced to a crisp. So let us all join in the fight, the rebellion, so that we can convert our world back to its pre-owned natural beauty.