

Section 1:

#1

Strengths: Your use of vivid imagery through the hourglass metaphor creates a powerful opening that captures attention. Your rhetorical question effectively engages the audience in contemplating the consequences of inaction.

Weakness: Abrupt transition → The shift from the hourglass image to the wasteland scenario happens too quickly, giving readers little time to connect these ideas. The opening paragraph contains multiple distinct images that compete for attention rather than building on each other coherently.

Exemplar: *"Picture an hourglass, its last grains of sand trickling down. This represents our planet's remaining time before climate disaster becomes irreversible. If we continue on our current path, those final grains will lead us to a scorched, broken wasteland where..."*

#2

Strengths: Your use of literary techniques like alliteration in "scorches soils, silences species and suffocates our rich sky" adds impact to your message. The simile comparing Earth to a sick child effectively communicates our responsibility.

Weakness: Mixed messaging → While you present concerning facts about climate change, the solutions you provide later seem disconnected from the scale of the problems you describe. Rising sea levels and trillion-ton ice loss require more substantial solutions than just proper rubbish disposal.

Exemplar: *"The Earth is like our sick child whose symptoms we ignore. By burning fossil fuels and destroying forests, we are the ones making our planet ill. This requires not just small actions like proper waste disposal but greater community efforts such as reducing our carbon footprint by using public transport and conserving energy."*

#3

Strengths: Your conclusion effectively reminds readers of their responsibility to future generations. The repetition of "Make sure" creates a clear, actionable call to action for your audience.

Weakness: Limited scope → Your solutions focus almost exclusively on rubbish disposal, which addresses only a small part of the climate crisis you described earlier. This narrows the impact of your otherwise powerful speech.

Exemplar: *"Make sure you use less energy by turning off lights when not needed. Make sure you walk or cycle for short journeys instead of driving. Make sure that when you see opportunities to plant trees or support renewable energy, you take them. These actions, when multiplied across our whole community, create genuine change."*

■ Your persuasive speech has a strong emotional appeal through vivid imagery and rhetorical devices. However, your piece would be more convincing if you connected the serious problems you describe with equally substantial solutions. The first paragraph paints a dire picture, but the final paragraph focuses only on rubbish disposal, which seems too simple for such a complex issue. You could improve by matching each problem with a relevant solution. For example, when you mention melting ice caps, suggest reducing carbon emissions through specific actions. Also, your second paragraph contains many facts but needs more development about how these problems directly affect your audience. Try adding more "we" and "you" statements to help readers feel personally involved. The middle section with "We can use less. We can waste less" is effective—expand this part with more specific examples that match the scale of the crisis you describe.

Overall score: 40/50

Section 2:

The End Is Nearing - Act Now To Stop It

Picture an hourglass, the last grains of sand slowly making ~~its~~ [their] way via the small crevice to the bottom. This is the period we live in, where our last hope decides to fade away into nothingness. Picture yourself walking on a scorched, broken wasteland where only destruction is in sight. You take a breath of air, not purified, not fresh but a smoke infested atmosphere. Multiple humans cough at all ages including you. The region is black, lifeless and gone. Is this a planet you would want to live on? (rhetorical question)

#1 Take a look outside, past the window barriers. Raging heats that average more than 30 degrees dominate the years as it continues to feast on the weak ice. Averaging 1.2 trillion tons of ice every year as it continues to fuel the rising sea levels. ~~It has already risen over 20 centimetres since 1880 and is destined to keep rising.~~ [Sea levels have already risen over 20 centimetres since 1880 and are destined to keep rising.] Although this, it doesn't just melt away

glaciers and ice but futures. Burning people's homes leading to financial crises as it also scorches soils, silences species and suffocates our rich sky. (Alliteration)

#2 The Earth is like our child that is sick as we proceed to ignore the symptoms and continue to charge the virus.(Simile) We do this by burning fossil fuel, destroying forests, polluting our only water sources making us the one behind the killing of our child, our planet, our home (repetition/tricolon) As world leaders debate whether to answer or not, our hourglass is nearing to an end. But what if we turn the hourglass around? What if we could reverse this pernicious event? We can use less. We can waste less.(Anaphora) We can be more for our planet and for each other. This isn't just about those silenced species, those polar bears or those faraway rainforests but about the atmosphere the future generation breathes. It is about what food your future ~~kid's requires~~ [kids require] and the future everyone deserves. Every action that goes against climate change is another sewed piece of our broken reality where together, we make a mended world. Imagine hearing the birds chirping lively again, not the cries of species begging for help. Imagine inhaling pure, healthy air for your lungs, not a polluted atmosphere damaging your health. Imagine feeling the soft, relaxing rain on your skin, not the raging flames that only can burn you from inside and outside. Isn't that a world worth fighting for?

#3 It isn't quite too late so I want all of you. Today, not tomorrow, not next week, today. To start ensuring you are following steps to ensure a clear, clean pathway where the new generation can walk on without any major problems that we have neglected. ~~Make sure that the rubbish you hold in your hands goes into the correct rubbish bin.~~ [Make sure that you put rubbish into the correct bin.] Make sure that the streets are mostly clean. Make sure that when you see rubbish lying on the floor, ~~pick it up even though it is not your.~~ [you pick it up even though it is not yours.] In such a few simple steps, climate change is easily combated. But for this to work, we need the whole community to contribute. We have to work together. This way, we can save this period of time and make hope once again. Viewing from your perspective, you would not want to be the generation that knew about the dangerous consequences, yet did not do anything to help.

Thank you.