TERM 1 2025 | 16th April | DAY 3 | HOLIDAY WRITING

Section 1:

#1: First paragraph Strengths: Your use of sensory imagery creates a vivid opening scene that engages the audience's imagination. Your contrast between peaceful nature and a polluted future effectively establishes the stakes. Weakness: Unclear transition between imagery and main point.

The opening visualisation is compelling but the shift from "close your eyes" to "open your eyes" creates a disjointed flow that weakens your introduction's impact. The phrase "whereas in the future" disrupts the smooth transition from imagined scene to warning. Exemplar: Close your eyes for a moment, my fellow teachers and peers. Imagine walking into a mesmerising scene: birds chirping and ocean waves gently drifting towards the sand. Now open your eyes to a harsh reality—in the future, we won't need to close our eyes to escape; we'll be struggling for gasps of clean air. This isn't fiction or nightmare but will become reality with the carbon-emitting gases we continue feeding our shared, cherished Earth.

#2: Second paragraph Strengths: Your passionate tone and use of rhetorical questions create a sense of urgency. Your writing displays emotional investment in the subject matter. Weakness: Overuse of dramatic language without supporting evidence. → While your emotional appeals are powerful, phrases like "scorching summers which will cremate us" and "excruciating deaths" come across as hyperbolic without specific facts or examples to back them up. The paragraph contains too many questions in sequence without providing answers or solutions. Exemplar: Our planet—our mutual home—faces catastrophic changes that we are choosing to make. Climate scientists have warned us repeatedly, yet we continue destructive practices. Each passing summer breaks temperature records, threatening both human health and wildlife habitats. The beautiful Australian landscapes we cherish—from the Great Barrier Reef to our ancient forests—face eradication if we maintain our current path.

#3: Third paragraph Strengths: You attempt to include expert opinion to support your argument. The paragraph clearly emphasises the urgency of addressing climate change. Weakness: Credibility issue with source naming. → The use of "Professor Poopeypants" undermines the seriousness of your speech and damages your credibility. This name choice suggests a humorous approach that contradicts the grave tone of your overall message. Additionally, the claim that "the sun will become 30 percent hotter"

misrepresents climate science and weakens your argument. Exemplar: *Professor James Hansen from NASA's climate research team has warned, "If we continue emitting greenhouse gases at current rates, global temperatures could rise by more than 2 degrees Celsius by 2050." We cannot ignore such expert warnings. Already, over 500 species have been lost due to habitat destruction and changing climate patterns. It is imperative we address climate change for the wellbeing of all creatures—both animals and humans.*

Your speech shows passion and concern for climate change, which is commendable. However, it would benefit from stronger organisation following the AIDA structure (Attention, Interest, Desire, Action). Your opening captures attention, but the middle sections need clearer development and factual support.

■ The rhetorical devices you've used need clearer purpose and labelling as required by the prompt. Also, while you've included emotional language, you could strengthen your argument by incorporating more specific examples and statistics from credible sources. Additionally, your conclusion needs to provide more concrete actions readers can take rather than general suggestions. Try revising your speech to include a more structured approach with clear sections that build toward specific calls to action.

Overall Score: 43/50

Section 2:

Close your eyes for a moment- my fellow teachers and peers, imagine walking into a mesmerising [mesmerising] vivid scene of birds chirping and the ocean waves slowly drifting towards the sand. Now, open your eyes to the world of reality whereas [where] in the future, you won't have to close your eyes but have to worry about getting gasps of clean air. This is not a story or a nightmare but will soon be a reality with the amount of carbon-emitting gases we are choosing to feed our shared, cherished earth [Earth]. #1

Our planet - our mutual home is facing catastrophic changes that we are choosing to make. How many warnings do us tedious [we tedious] humans need to face until we finally get an emergency killing our profound earth [Earth]? How scorching summers

which will cremate us on the spot will [many scorching summers that could cremate us on the spot must] we have to face? How many animals must take excruciating deaths for our very actions? These are only minor issues and if we don't take matters into our own hands there will be many colossal consequences in the future. The lands we have here in Australia are mesmerising, however, the choices we are making are going to eradicate these beautiful solid grounds. Are these the things we want to make vanish? Are these the things we want to permanently get rid of? Our actions won't only harm lands but will also be detrimental towards others such as the later generations which shouldn't have to face any sort of atrocities that we choose to formulate. #2

Professor Poopeypants from the climate change expert team has claimed $^{\mu}$ [,] "If we keep emitting and exposing detrimental gases, by 2030 our sun will become more than 30 percent hotter \div [."] If I am not capable of asking you guys to slowly get rid of climate change then surely Professor Poopeypants will. It is imperative we get rid of climate change for a better living place for all creatures, animals and humans. Furthermore, over 500 species of animals have devastatingly passed away because of our egocentric actions. It's crucial to meet the expectations to save our earth [Earth] otherwise the consequences will be lamentable. #3

As for the reasons I have listed, I should not have to say anymore [any more]. We must save the earth [Earth] one way or another, even if it's using solar energy instead of things like coal or oil. We can take public transport and in the end our reward will be that we can live in peace not having to live in the scorching sun or having our animals killed because of our foolish and selfish actions.