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

Section 1:

#1: Opening Paragraph

Strengths:

- Your vivid imagery creates a strong emotional impact with phrases like "desperately trying to get to shelters" and "choking in the humid and unbearable air."
- You effectively establish urgency by connecting present actions to future consequences.

Weakness: Underdeveloped comparison \rightarrow Your comparison between Earth and Venus is introduced but not fully developed. The Venus reference appears abruptly at the end without sufficient explanation of the scientific connection. This weakens what could be a powerful metaphor throughout your speech.

Exemplar: "Visualise a world where people desperately try to reach cooling shelters, gasping for breath in air too thick and hot to sustain life. This isn't science fiction—it's the fate of Venus, our planetary neighbour, where runaway greenhouse effects created temperatures hot enough to melt lead. If we continue polluting at current rates, we risk steering Earth down a similar path. We must take action now!"

#2: Third Paragraph

Strengths:

- Your practical solution about reusable bags provides actionable advice for the audience.
- You effectively address a potential counterargument with "Why is that even relevant to me?"

Weakness: Sensory description gap \rightarrow While you mention the "malodorous smell of industrialisation," your sensory descriptions remain limited. You could engage more senses to help your audience truly feel the consequences of plastic pollution, particularly when you mention the contrast between nature's aroma and industrial smells.

Exemplar: "Imagine walking through your neighbourhood on a warm summer day, expecting the sweet scent of blooming flowers, but instead being assaulted by the acrid, chemical stench of decomposing plastics. Feel the sticky residue of pollution clinging to your skin as the malodorous smell of industrialisation slaps you back to reality."

#3: Fourth Paragraph

Strengths:

- Your use of statistics (78%) adds credibility to your argument about corporate responsibility.
- You directly challenge companies with a rhetorical question that highlights consequences of inaction.

Weakness: Insufficient rhetorical structure \rightarrow This paragraph introduces an important point about corporate responsibility but lacks the persuasive power of a fully developed rhetorical device. Your question to companies feels rushed rather than building to a powerful conclusion.

Exemplar: "Study after study confirms the same startling truth: over 78% of all pollution stems from manufacturers, not individuals. So I ask the corporate leaders who prioritise profits over sustainability: When the air becomes unbearably hot and humid, when your customers struggle to breathe, when they point accusing fingers at those who ignored climate warnings—will your quarterly profits console you? Will people continue supporting companies that consciously contributed to our planet's destruction?"

■ Your speech shows passion and conviction about climate change, which engages your audience effectively. However, your AIDA structure (Attention, Interest, Desire, Action) needs strengthening, particularly in developing desire before calling for action. Your attention-grabbing opening effectively creates vivid imagery, but you quickly jump to action points without fully developing audience interest and desire. Also, your speech would benefit from clearer labelling and more varied rhetorical devices. You've used rhetorical questions well, but adding techniques like anaphora, alliteration, or parallelism would strengthen your persuasive appeal. Additionally, your metaphors need more development—the Venus comparison and the "slaps you back to reality" image have potential but require expansion. Try building one metaphor throughout your speech to create a cohesive theme that resonates emotionally with your audience. Focus on

strengthening the middle sections to create a more compelling journey from problem to solution.

Overall Score: 43/50

Section 2:

Visualise a world where people desperately are trying to get to shelters to stay cool. Envision a world where you can't even go outside for one second without facing the consequences of choking in the humid and unbearable air. Well if we don't stop polluting this planet then one day in the future this might be a harsh outcome that Earth could face. We need to take action for our responsibilities! So here are a few ways that we can help Earth not turn into Venus. #1

We need to hold our friends and family accountable for littering. It may not seem like a big thing that can affect us but trust me in windy places the rubbish can quickly go to an animal and they can get choked. Are you cruel enough to kill an animal because you don't care about where your rubbish goes? You might ask: "["] Hey Samyar, the place that I live in isn't really windy, why should I care?" Well in most regions of the world, littering is ILLEGAL! So you can get fined or potentially serve community service. Do you want to be fined over such a small thing? Probably notif[. If] you do not care then you're probably just a rich snob.

Another thing that can help the planet is using reusable bags when going shopping or just in general. Well you don't have to use recyclable bagsyou[; you] can just reuse plastic bags if you don't have any recyclable bags. Do this because if you just throw away your plastic bags then it will take longer to biodegrade and if a lot of people are throwing away plastic bags at the same time then more plastic bags are built up in landfills. You might ask "Why is that even relevant to me in any way?" Well if plastic bags do build up then they will occupy more area and that area can be used for useful things. But that's not the reason it's relevant to you. The reason is that plasticovertime[, over time,] will grow stinky and if your city has a lot of plastic then say goodbye to the aroma of nature as the malodorous smell of industrialisation slaps you back to reality. #2 Multiple studies have concluded that more than 78% of all pollution is caused by manufacturers. So to all companies that aren't using something sustainableyou'll[, you'll] be the ones that will get sent complaints by people when the air becomes humid and unbearably hot in the future. Do you want people to stop using your products because you decided not to comply with regulations that made sure Earth would not walk right into the sinister tricks of climate change? #3

To conclude my speechmake[, make] sure that you are following all of these rules if you don't want Earth to become hotter than the surface of the sun. All of these regulations are in place so that we as a society can live in the future and this will give us a chance to see if we can all work together to save this planet.