

Section 1:

Part #1 (First paragraph):

Strengths: Your opening imagery creates a powerful sensory experience by asking readers to "envision" a dystopian future. You effectively use emotive language with phrases like "heat is endless" and "lethargy seizing your body."

Weakness: Overuse of abstract imagery → While your vivid descriptions create atmosphere, they delay introducing the core issue of climate change directly. Phrases like "purged with an eternal heat that roams in every corner" could be balanced with more concrete statements about specific climate impacts. Consider including a clear thesis statement earlier to anchor your speech.

Exemplar: *"Close your eyes. Envision our world transformed: scorching temperatures rendering vast regions uninhabitable, once-vibrant ecosystems reduced to concrete landscapes. This isn't science fiction—it's what climate science tells us awaits if we continue our current path."*

Part #2 (Third paragraph):

Strengths: You create a personal connection through relatable examples, particularly with food. The comparison of never tasting mangoes again makes climate change tangible and immediate to the audience.

Weakness: Limited evidence → Your discussion about agricultural impacts could be strengthened with specific data points. When mentioning how "fruits and vegetables you and I love may not even exist," providing examples of temperature thresholds for specific crops or regions already experiencing crop failures would add weight to your argument.

Exemplar: *"Consider this: for every 1°C rise in global temperature, wheat yields decline by approximately 6%. By 2050, many tropical regions may become entirely unsuitable for growing the mangoes, bananas, and citrus fruits we take for granted today."*

Part #3 (Fourth paragraph):

Strengths: You effectively anticipate and address a common counterargument that climate change is a distant problem. Your rhetorical question about future generations is compelling.

Weakness: Underdeveloped rebuttal → Your counterargument section would benefit from more specific evidence countering the "too far away" claim. The paragraph relies heavily on emotional appeals about future generations without providing concrete examples of present impacts already being felt.

Exemplar: *"While some dismiss climate change as tomorrow's problem, coastal communities are already being displaced, farmers are already facing failed harvests, and extreme weather events have already increased in frequency by 46% since 2000. This isn't about some distant future—it's about what's happening right now to real people."*

Your speech demonstrates powerful emotional appeals and creates vivid imagery that helps readers connect with the issue of climate change. You've included several rhetorical questions that effectively engage the audience and make them reflect on their role in addressing climate change. The personal connection to nature with descriptions of grass beneath your feet and kookaburras singing creates relatability. However, your argument would be more persuasive with more specific data points and examples of climate impacts already occurring. Additionally, try strengthening your call to action by providing specific, achievable steps your audience can take.

■ Also, consider balancing your emotional appeals with more logical evidence to create a more well-rounded argument. You could focus on improving the transition between your opposing viewpoint paragraph and your conclusion to create a more cohesive flow of ideas.

Overall Score: 44/50

Section 2:

Close your eyes. Envision a world where heat is endless, temperatures skyrocketing as deserts conquer Earth, lethargy seizing your body as an incessant grogginess infects your being due to humid atmospheres. Envision a world where the constant whirr of air filters replaces the chirping of birds as you feel the firm concrete beneath your feet that was once the squelch of wet grass. Open your eyes. This scenario we imagine is not a mere concept, but a reality that is yet to come. Every choice you make impacts the chance of this dystopian future. Today, our earth may become a planet where life ceases to exist as we stand on the threshold of disaster. Students and teachers, how can you be okay knowing that our earth will be purged with an eternal heat that roams in every corner? How can you be okay knowing that your only lifelines will become artificial air and air conditioning? Species are dying daily, eradication of everyday animals a possibility that isn't to be brushed off. As the land becomes hotter, the fruits and vegetables we love will also die. We must act, the future isn't far from the present. #1

Our natural world is being affected day by day. As someone who has always enjoyed the way blades of grass brush against my feet, it makes my heart throb with anguish knowing that this will be taken away from me, from us. The kookaburras that sing in the morning as you eat your breakfast? They, too, will become endangered as our land becomes drier. The Australia we know, the green areas that accompany the deserts, will all be overridden and will dry out. "What about the Great Barrier Reef?" Studies from the Climate Council have already recorded bleaching events of the reef in 2016 and 2017 and found that the same bleaching events were 175 times more likely to happen again. The Great Barrier Reef as we know it may cease to exist, along with the fauna that surrounds it as they will die a slow yet agonising death. To understand how drastic this problem is, take Australia's 2020 bushfires as an example. Habitats of billions of animals were burnt to the ground, their extinction inexorable. The eradication of these species further withers our natural world as even the tiniest of things, such as pollination and natural compost make an impact. However, with the rate of how things are going, the future environmental imbalance is palpable. Our nature is being affected, and you cannot deny it.

The damages to the natural world will also impact our agriculture. The fruits and vegetables you and I love may not even exist due to the destruction of climates. Fruits that grow in tropical climates, such as mangoes or even bananas won't exist as deserts replace everything. Imagine the sweet and fleshy taste of mangoes, now imagine never being able to experience that again. Will you really be okay knowing that the joy of eating sweet fruits will soon become something dreamed of? We must make a change.

Hydroponics will dominate our present agriculture, a limited selection of nutrition being inevitable. The agriculture of fruits and vegetables is something that we should hold dear to our hearts, and we should act to keep it as it is. #2

Some people claim that the severe consequences of climate change are too far away for us to worry about. While this may be somewhat true, we cannot be self-centred. What about the generations to come? Our children, our grandchildren, they will all be affected by the horrors of climate change. This is not an issue to brush off as the ones we care about will be swept up in what we left behind. It is evident that we must make a change since the ones we love will also be affected. #3

As our environment gets destroyed and our agriculture is ruined, we, too, will suffer. This drastic future is near, and we must make a change before we are beyond this point of no return. Ladies and gentlemen, I implore you to join me in action. Will you sit and let our earth be destroyed? Or will you act and make a difference? Together, we can all make a change.