

Section 1:

#1: Opening Anecdote (First paragraph) Strengths: Your personal anecdote creates an emotional connection with the audience. The contrast between your grandfather's memory and the current state of the forest effectively illustrates environmental degradation. Weakness: Descriptive imbalance → While you describe the current state of the forest as "stuffy" with "shrivelled flowers," the description of what it used to be lacks the same specificity, relying on general terms like "vibrant" and "peaceful paradise." *I could tell it was the same clearing, but younger and more vibrant. The photograph revealed towering oaks where saplings now struggled, and meadows bursting with wildflowers where only shrivelled stems remained.*

#2: Metaphor Paragraph (Third paragraph) Strengths: Your beast metaphor effectively personifies climate change as a monster of our own creation. The progression of the metaphor parallels how climate change has worsened over time. Weakness: Incomplete development → The metaphor introduces the concept but doesn't fully explore the implications of humans continuing to "feed the beast" despite seeing its destruction. *Sounds crazy, right? Yet this is precisely what's happening now—the beast is climate change, and we humans keep feeding it with our carbon emissions and environmental neglect, even as we witness villages washing away in floods and forests turning to ash.*

#3: Call to Action (Final paragraphs) Strengths: You create urgency through powerful closing statements and a clear invitation to join your committee. The repetition of "We must fix it" emphasizes collective responsibility. Weakness: Specificity gap → Your call to action mentions a "Committee" but provides limited details about what this committee will actually do or how it will make a difference. *Tomorrow, I'll be standing outside the Hall, recruiting members for our Climate Action Committee. We'll be implementing practical solutions like campus recycling programmes, community garden initiatives, and organizing monthly clean-ups of local waterways.*

■ Your speech effectively uses emotional appeals and vivid imagery to convey the urgency of climate change. The personal anecdote at the beginning creates a powerful hook that immediately draws your audience in. You've also incorporated strong rhetorical

techniques, particularly with your beast metaphor and the repetition in your conclusion. However, your piece would benefit from more specific, concrete examples throughout. For instance, when discussing solutions, provide more detailed actions that individuals can take. Additionally, while you briefly mention alternative energy sources, you could strengthen your argument by addressing economic concerns that often oppose climate action. Your conclusion effectively wraps up the speech with urgency, but consider adding a memorable statement or striking image that will linger in your audience's minds long after you've finished speaking. Remember that specificity creates impact—the more precise your examples, the more compelling your call to action will be.

Overall Score: 46/50

Section 2:

Two years ago, my grandfather took me on a trip. Excitement shone in his eyes as we travelled, navigating through the dense forest together. I kept asking where we were going, and he just smiled and said, "somewhere special." Yet it was not what I expected — the stuffy clearing was filled with shrivelled flowers and smelled like animals. Strange noises came from around the thick trees, and the air felt humid. But my grandfather dropped to his knees in shock. He almost seemed... horrified. He showed me an old photograph of the clearing, and although the forest was less dense and the trees shorter and thinner, I could tell that this was the clearing, but younger and much more vibrant. Even though it was black and white, I could tell that it was much more colourful. The flowers were bright. The nature seemed healthy. Such a peaceful paradise compared to what it is now. #1

Why am I telling you this? Because the effects of climate change have done this. Climate change has ruined this. But it hasn't just destroyed the formerly peaceful forest. It is destroying lives — destroying our very world.

Imagine every human collaborated together to create a beast. The creature grew stronger with every person helping, and soon its danger was recognised. Yet hardly anyone took action — a few protested against it, but most kept going, making it stronger. Soon the creature started to tear down the world, leaving a trail of fiery destruction, slowly

encompassing the globe. But the humans kept going on, strengthening the creature, making it ever more deadly. #2

Sounds crazy, right? Well, this is what is happening right now — the beast is climate change, and we humans have kept adding to it, even when the danger was recognised. Soon it was no longer a potential danger — it was a pressing problem, already destroying the world. Ocean temperatures soar, bleaching coral and making many marine homes unliveable. Even on land, the air heats up, causing unruly fires, wild storms, and terrible droughts. Many people have been left with flooded homes, and others have limited water in their area. Icebergs melt, oceans rise, there are food and water shortages — and the list goes on.

But what can we do about it?

For one thing, we can consider the source of energy we use: do we get it from giant factories which pump thick, black smoke into the sky as they burn through coal — a non-renewable type of rock — or do we get it from solar panels, which soak up the natural energy of the sun, each ray precious yet unlimited? For another, we must consider our daily choices: where we source our food products, whether we take up sustainable public transport or drive a gas-pumping car. These actions may seem tiny, but put together, they make a huge difference. Yet there are some things that cannot be fixed alone.

Which is why I will need your help in joining the new Committee.

This mess has been passed on for generations, each one contributing to the deadly beast of climate change. Each one has dumped this problem on the next, yet with each generation, the problem worsens. So will we stand by and be just another generation to pass it on? Or shall we be the generation to start the stance against climate change?

Tomorrow, I will be standing outside the Hall, making notes on who will be part of this stand. This is our problem. But we can fix it. We must fix it. We will fix it. #3

Humans have started this mess. And so, humans must fix it.

We must contain the beast before it devours the world.

So join me — before it is too late.