TERM 1 2025 | 14th April | DAY 1 WRITING HOMEWORK

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your sensory details effectively capture the tactile experience of the beach, particularly the "salty sand" and "smooth seashells." You've nicely contrasted textures like "weathered and rough" driftwood with the "comforting" beach towel.

Weakness: Inconsistent verb tense \rightarrow Your writing shifts between present and past tense throughout this section. For example, "As I take a stroll" (present) but then "made me feel" (past). This creates a disjointed reading experience and weakens the immersive quality of your sensory description.

Exemplar: As I take a stroll along the shoreline of the sandy beach, the salty sand touching my feet makes me feel a sense of calmness.

#2 Strengths: Your auditory descriptions effectively layer multiple beach sounds, creating a rich soundscape that enhances the reader's sensory experience. The contrast between natural sounds and human activity adds depth.

Weakness: Repetitive sentence structure \rightarrow Many sentences in this section follow the same pattern, beginning with the subject followed by description. For instance, "The sound of the ocean water..." and "The faint sound of the leave rustling..." This creates a monotonous rhythm that diminishes the impact of your sensory details.

Exemplar: Overhead, seagulls cry as they rattle their beaks, while the ocean whispers secrets as it collides with the land, revealing why so many individuals seek out this paradise.

#3 Strengths: Your visual imagery effectively captures both the natural elements of the beach and human activity. The description of "waves glitter as they dance and crash" creates a particularly vivid mental picture.

Weakness: Unclear focus in paragraph organisation \rightarrow While this section contains rich visual details, they are presented as a list without a clear organisational principle. The paragraph jumps from sand to waves to seagulls to beach items without creating a coherent visual journey for the reader.

Exemplar: Golden sands stretch toward the horizon where boats bob gently in the distance, while closer to shore, bright umbrellas and colourful towels dot the beach landscape, creating a vibrant, living scenery.

■ Your piece demonstrates good awareness of the five senses, which was the core requirement of the prompt. You've included a variety of sensory details for each sense, helping to create an immersive beach experience. However, your writing would benefit from more deliberate paragraph organisation, with each paragraph more clearly focused on a specific sense. Additionally, your sentences often follow similar patterns that could be varied to create more engaging rhythm. You might also consider expanding on fewer, more significant details rather than listing many brief sensations. Also, watch for consistent verb tense throughout your writing to maintain a seamless reading experience. Incorporating more personal reactions to these sensory experiences would add depth and make your description more distinctive and meaningful.

Overall Score: 42/50

Section 2:

As I take a stroll along the shoreline of the sandy beach [,] The salty sand touching my feet made [makes] me feel a sense of calmness. The air rushing through me on a summer day with a combination of the sun's warmth is so relaxing. Smooth seashells, ravel [travel] and cool to the touch, rest in my palm. The water laps on my skin—its embrace refreshing and fluid. Driftwood, weathered and rough, tells tales of ocean journeys. A beach towel's texture feels comforting beneath me. Nature's textures surround me in their raw beauty. #1

With the sound of the the [the] ocean water whispering secrets as it collides with the land and the seagulls crying overhead as they rattled [rattle] their beaks made [makes] me realise [realise] why lot [a lot] of individuals come here. The faint sound of the leave [the leaves] rustling in the wind blends with the chit chatter of beachgoers who also feel welcomed in the sandy paradise. My feet shuffle through sand, sometimes splashing in the shallows. It's nature's sounds—a soothing, vibrant melody unique to the coast of any beach. #2

The sight of many of [many] people either playing or relaxing was a sense of delight. Golden sands stretch into the horizon, shimmering under the warm sun. Waves glitter as they dance and crash, leaving foamy trails behind. Seagulls glide effortlessly above, silhouettes against the the [the] great blue sky. Bright umbrellas dot the beach, paired with colorful towels. Driftwood rests near tide pools teeming with life, while boats bob gently in the distance. Its [It's] the scenery, vibrant and alive. #3

The bitter taste of salt lingers in the air, mixing with the crispness of a cool ocean breeze. As I jump into the deep blue the saltiness of the water it rushes into my mouth. Fresh seafood satisfies my taste buds—shrimp or tender fish grilled to perfection. Juicy watermelon or icy lemonade offer sweet, refreshing relief under the blazing sun.

The air carries the sharp, salty scent of the ocean, blending with the scent of seaweed washed ashore. Sunscreen's coconut aroma wafts by, blending with the sweet, toasty smell of nearby beachside snacks. A hint of charcoal drifts from a distant barbecue, while the fain [faint] smell of fresh marine life reminds me of nature's untouched environment.