

Section 1

#1

"Firstly, the environmental benefits of solar power are unquestionable. Fossil fuels release harmful gases into the atmosphere, but solar energy uses the rays of the sun to make energy without releasing anything that harms the ecosystem, presenting an environment friendly solution. Fossil fuels also increase global warming, making ocean levels rise rapidly. This is a problem that can be dealt with if every house uses solar power. Therefore, it is undeniable that we must use solar power as an alternative to electricity."

Strengths:

- Your opening statement is clear and direct, establishing your position firmly
- You effectively contrast fossil fuels with solar energy to highlight the benefits

Weakness: Oversimplification of energy sources → You've created a false dichotomy between "solar power" and "electricity". Solar power actually generates electricity; they aren't alternatives to each other. Your argument needs more precision when discussing these energy concepts. Also, the claim that "this problem can be dealt with if every house uses solar power" oversimplifies a complex global issue that requires multiple solutions.

Exemplar: *"Firstly, the environmental benefits of solar power are unquestionable. Fossil fuels release harmful gases into the atmosphere, but solar energy harnesses the sun's rays to generate electricity without harmful emissions, presenting an environmentally friendly alternative. Fossil fuels contribute significantly to global warming, causing rising sea levels. While residential solar adoption won't solve this issue alone, widespread implementation would make a meaningful difference. Therefore, it is clear that we should prioritise solar power as an alternative to fossil fuel-generated electricity."*

#2

"Secondly, they are becoming more accessible to lots more people. However, there is still a wide range of people who can't afford them, making solar panels difficult to get. However, the government could reduce the price so that more people can afford them, allowing everyone to get solar power for their homes. This will also save money in the long run as it will reduce those egregious electricity bills."

Strengths:

- You acknowledge the economic barriers to solar panel adoption
- You propose government intervention as a potential solution

Weakness: Underdeveloped economic argument → Your argument lacks specific details about how solar panels are becoming more accessible and what government actions could make them affordable. The term "reduce the price" is vague—governments typically offer subsidies, tax incentives or rebates rather than directly setting prices. Additionally, you use "However" twice in succession, creating a repetitive structure that weakens your argument.

Exemplar: *"Secondly, solar panels are becoming more accessible as technology improves and costs decrease. Despite this progress, many households still cannot afford the initial installation costs. Government subsidies and rebate programs could significantly reduce these upfront expenses, making solar power accessible to more Australians. This investment would benefit families long-term through reduced electricity bills while supporting our transition to renewable energy."*

#3

"In conclusion, solar power can lead to a greener, thriving future, even if there are challenges along the way to make it suitable to everyone. In the long term, it will benefit us environmentally, economically and logistically. Solar power is a clear alternative for fossil fuels. It is time to make change. It is time to turn towards the right answer. It is time to accept solar power."

Strengths:

- Your conclusion effectively summarises the main benefits of solar power
- The repetitive structure at the end creates a memorable call to action

Weakness: Rhetorical imbalance → While your repetition of "It is time" creates emphasis, it relies too heavily on emotional appeal rather than reinforcing your logical arguments. This conclusion would be stronger if you acknowledged the complexity of transitioning to renewable energy while still maintaining your persuasive stance. The phrase "the right answer" suggests there's only one solution, which contradicts the nuanced approach you began to develop earlier.

Exemplar: *"In conclusion, despite implementation challenges, solar power offers a pathway to a greener, more sustainable future. Over time, expanding solar adoption will deliver environmental, economic and logistical benefits for our communities. While solar power represents one important alternative to fossil fuels, its widespread implementation requires both individual action and policy support. The time has come to embrace renewable energy solutions, with solar power playing a crucial role in our energy transition."*

■ Your piece shows good awareness of the main arguments for solar power adoption. However, you could strengthen your persuasive impact by developing each point more thoroughly. Try to include more specific examples of solar power benefits, such as mentioning actual reduction in carbon emissions or concrete economic benefits for households. Also, consider addressing counter-arguments more effectively - acknowledge valid concerns about solar power limitations while explaining why your position still stands. Your logistical section could benefit from exploring alternative solutions for those who can't install traditional solar panels, such as community solar projects. Additionally, try to vary your sentence structure more throughout the piece to create a more engaging flow. Your conclusion could more clearly tie together your main points while maintaining your passionate advocacy for solar energy.

Score: 40/50

Section 2

We must make solar power mandatory for all homes. Using electricity burns fossil fuels, causing global warming and appalling damage to our environment. This problem can't be

overlooked any longer, so let's explore the environmental, economic and logistical aspects of solar power.

#1 Firstly, the environmental benefits of solar power are unquestionable. Fossil fuels release harmful gases into the atmosphere, but solar energy uses the rays of the sun to make energy without releasing anything that harms the ecosystem, presenting an ~~environment~~ [environmentally] friendly solution. Fossil fuels also increase global warming, making ocean levels rise rapidly. This is a problem that can be dealt with if every house uses solar power. Therefore, it is undeniable that we must use solar power as an alternative to electricity.

#2 Secondly, they are becoming more accessible to lots more people. ~~However, there is still a wide range of people who can't afford them, making solar panels difficult to get. However,~~ [Despite this, many people still can't afford them, making solar panels difficult to access.] the government could reduce the price so that more people can afford them, allowing everyone to get solar power for their homes. This will also save money in the long run as it will reduce those egregious electricity bills.

Finally, we see the logistics of solar power. Many people aren't capable of owning solar panels due to their land, because they do not have the correct land. ~~However, this can be addressed by improving solar technology, allowing it so a larger range of people can use it.~~ [However, this can be addressed by improving solar technology, making it suitable for a wider range of properties.]

#3 In conclusion, solar power can lead to a greener, thriving future, even if there are challenges along the way to make it suitable to everyone. In the long term, it will benefit us environmentally, economically and logistically. Solar power is a clear alternative for fossil fuels. It is time to make [a] change. It is time to turn towards the right answer. It is time to accept solar power.