TERM 1 2025 | 15th April | DAY 3 | HOLIDAY WRITING

Section 1:

Part #1:

Strengths: Your opening paragraph effectively creates a vivid scene using sensory imagery, allowing readers to imagine a peaceful natural setting before contrasting it with a dystopian future. Your use of the imperative "Close your eyes" directly engages the audience.

Weakness: Inconsistent tone \rightarrow Your opening begins with a creative visualisation technique but quickly shifts to an informative statement about carbon emissions. The transition between these two tones is jarring. The phrase "this is not a fiction story, but will soon be a reality" could be developed further to maintain the emotional impact you initially created.

Exemplar: Close your eyes for a moment, my fellow teachers and peers. Imagine walking into a mesmerising scene of birds chirping and ocean waves gently caressing the shore. Now, open your eyes to the harsh reality we're creating—a future where such peaceful moments will be replaced by desperate gasps for clean air as our planet suffocates under our carbon footprint.

Part #2:

Strengths: You use rhetorical questions effectively to create urgency and make your audience reflect on the consequences of inaction. Your emotional language highlights the severity of climate change.

Weakness: Credibility issue \rightarrow The reference to "Professor Poopeypants" undermines your persuasive appeal. The name appears comical and fictional, which detracts from the serious nature of your argument. Additionally, the statistic that "our sun will become more than 30 percent more hot" is scientifically imprecise and needs clarification.

Exemplar: Dr. James Hansen from NASA's climate research team has warned, "If we continue emitting greenhouse gases at current rates, global temperatures could rise by more than 2°C by 2050, fundamentally altering our planet's habitable conditions."

Part #3:

Strengths: You conclude with a call to action and provide specific, achievable solutions like using solar energy and public transport. You effectively tie your conclusion back to earlier points about preventing animal extinction and avoiding extreme heat.

Weakness: Limited scope of solutions \rightarrow Your proposed solutions are mentioned briefly without explaining how they would effectively address climate change. The phrase "we can take public transport" is introduced without connecting it to carbon reduction or explaining its impact.

Exemplar: We must save our Earth through decisive action—replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy could reduce carbon emissions by 70%, while choosing public transport over private vehicles would decrease your carbon footprint by nearly two tonnes annually. These small changes, multiplied across billions of people, create the massive impact needed to preserve our planet's delicate balance.

■ Your speech shows potential with its passionate tone and sincere concern for environmental issues. However, your piece would benefit from more factual support and credible sources to strengthen your persuasive appeal. The AIDA structure (Attention, Interest, Desire, Action) needs clearer development, particularly in building desire before moving to action. Additionally, while you use emotional language effectively, your rhetorical devices could be more varied and clearly implemented. Your transitions between paragraphs need strengthening to create a more cohesive flow. Also, try developing your metaphorical images more fully—the contrast between peaceful nature and a dystopian future is powerful but could be extended throughout your speech. Finally, consider reworking your conclusion to emphasise the urgency and personal responsibility more effectively.

Overall Score: 43/50

Section 2:

Close your eyes for a moment my fellow teachers and peers, imagine walking into a mesmerising scene of birds chirping and the ocean waves slowly drifting towards the

sand. Now, open your eyes to the world whereas [where] in the future, you won't have to close your eyes but have to worry about getting gasps of clean air. This is not a fiction story, but will soon be a reality with the amount of carbon-emitting gases we are choosing to feed our planet. #1

Our planet – our mutual home is facing catastrophic changes that we are choosing to make. How many warnings do us tedious [we stubborn] humans need to face until we finally get an emergency, killing our profound earth? How many scorching summers which will cremate us on the spot will we have to face? How many animals must take excruciating deaths for our very actions? These are only minor issues and if we don't manage what we feed the earth there will be many colossal consequences. The later generations shouldn't have to face any sort of atrocities that we create.

Professor Poopeypants from the climate change expert team has said " If we keep emitting and exposing detrimental gases, by 2030 our sun will become more than 30 percent more hot." If I am not capable of asking you guys to slowly get rid of climate change then surely Professor Poopeypants will. It is imperative we get rid of climate change for a better living place for all creatures, animals and humans. Furthermore, over 500 species of animals have devastatingly passed away because of our egocentric actions. It's crucial to meet the expectations to save our earth otherwise the consequences will be lamentable. #2

As for the reasons I have listed, I should not have to say no [any] more. We must save the earth one way or another, even if it's using solar energy instead of things like coal or oil. We can take public transport and in the end our reward will be that we can live in peace not having to live in the scorching sun or having our animals killed because of our foolish actions. #3