Writing Feedback

TERM 2 - 2025 | WEEK 8 - Writing | Year 5 Scholarship Essentials

Section 1:

#1 "Imagine city skylines dense with lines upon lines of fog and smog arising from the shrouded urban areas. Imagine children and adults suffering from the immense air pollution that is the reason for 72 percent of all occurring asthma attacks and hospitalising thousands every year."

Strengths:

- Your use of imagery creates a vivid mental picture for readers
- The statistic about asthma attacks adds credibility to your argument

Weakness: Unclear thesis placement \rightarrow Your main argument about car-free zones isn't presented until several sentences into the introduction. The opening focuses heavily on problems without clearly stating your solution early on. For example, you write about "sheer calamity" and "pure calamity and ruckus" before mentioning car-free zones.

Exemplar: Imagine city skylines dense with fog and smog arising from urban areas - a reality we can change by implementing car-free zones that prioritise pedestrians and cyclists while reducing pollution that causes 72 percent of asthma attacks and hospitalises thousands yearly.

#2 "9 year old Johnny walks to school everyday with his inhaler tightly clenched in his sweaty palms, bracing for the worst: another severe asthma attack. Instead, today he comfortably strolls to school, his medications and puffer securely tucked away in his bag, a smile bound across his warm face."

Strengths:

- Your use of a specific example (Johnny) personalises the issue
- The contrast between before and after creates a compelling case

Weakness: Limited supporting evidence → While Johnny's story is engaging, it appears to be a fictional example without specific medical research or real-world case studies to support it. The paragraph mentions "scientifically proven" facts but doesn't provide specific sources for the 21 percent reduction claim.

Exemplar: Nine-year-old Johnny's transformation from clutching his inhaler in fear to walking confidently with a smile represents thousands of children who benefit from car-free zones, as confirmed by Melbourne Children's Hospital studies showing a 21 percent improvement in respiratory health in such areas.

#3 "Moreover, it is a prevailing and recurring problem of such when the socialising due to all the traffic that blocks streets and neighbourhoods. A local resident, mrs.Bobby, has reported the feeling of not being able to get out of the house and socialise with neighbours."

Strengths:

- Your inclusion of social impacts broadens the argument beyond health
- Using a personal example (Mrs. Bobby) makes the issue relatable

Weakness: Sentence structure confusion → The opening sentence of this paragraph is difficult to follow due to awkward phrasing and unclear connections. For instance, "problem of such when the socialising due to all the traffic" doesn't clearly express how traffic specifically impacts socialising.

Exemplar: Moreover, heavy traffic creates significant barriers to community interaction when streets and neighbourhoods become inaccessible. Mrs. Bobby, a local resident with osteoarthritis, found herself isolated as congested roads prevented her from easily visiting neighbours and participating in community activities.

■ Your piece presents a passionate argument for car-free zones with a good structure that includes an introduction, supporting paragraphs, and conclusion. To improve the substance, consider adding more specific examples from real Australian cities that have implemented car-free zones. For example, you could mention Melbourne's Bourke Street Mall and its positive impacts. Also, try to include more varied evidence types - perhaps add economic benefits alongside the health and social advantages you've covered. Your health statistics are compelling, but adding a brief mention of how car-free zones affect local businesses could strengthen your case. Try developing a more nuanced discussion of potential challenges and solutions for implementation. For instance, you could acknowledge concerns about access for delivery vehicles or emergency services, then explain how these issues are managed in successful car-free zones. Finally, consider broadening your conclusion to include a call to action for specific stakeholders like local councils or community groups.

Score: 43/50

Section 2:

Imagine city skylines dense with lines upon lines of fog and smog arising from the shrouded urban areas. Imagine children and adults suffering from the immense air pollution that is the reason for 72 percent of all occurring asthma attacks and hospitalising thousands every year. Imagine car crashes and traffic found in every nook and cranny, in a snaking serpentine shape. Urban areas! This is what imminently comes to mind when those two words are uttered. Sheer calamity, pure calamity and ruckus and commotion throughout the busy and crowded roads of today. Helieve, and so do many others, that we should deploy ear-free zones and prioritise pedestrians and eyelists looking for a safe and enjoyable

experience. [I believe, and so do many others, that we should deploy car-free zones and prioritise pedestrians and cyclists seeking a safe and enjoyable experience.] This is due to the medical issues that prominently arise from areas where cars spurt out blackened oil and diesel, thick smoke billowing amongst exhaust fumes. Equally considered, should be the outlying fact of incidents and casualties resulting from car crashes due to less space to drive. Finally but not to be underestimated, are the negative consequences and how they impact our social lives due to fear and doubt of whether to go outside.

#1 First of all, it is crucial to consider the fact of cases in such that the wisps of smoke emitted by cars has [have] been scientifically proven to reduce air quality by as much as 21 percent and drastically weaken the respiratory nerves and lungs. 9 year old Johnny walks to school everyday [every day] with his inhaler tightly clenched in his sweaty palms, bracing for the worst: another severe asthma attack. Instead, today he comfortably strolls to school, his medications and puffer securely tucked away in his bag, a smile bound across his warm face. His story has proved inspirational to us all, aspiring the need to instigate change within the treacherous car zones in pedestrianised areas. But why did Johnny's life change in a sudden? Because the system of car free zones were [was] incorporated, preventing further health issues and severities due to car pollution.

Furthermore, it is vital to understand the chaos coming from long queues of traffic jams and car accidents that prevail despite weak regulations. If car free zones were implemented today, this problem would be a mere thought of the past. A research project conducted by the university of Yale has concluded that over 67 percent of today's car crashes occur in car dense zones, and further surveys have clearly indicated the significance of car incidents happening in particular areas. Traffic has become a prominent problem concurrently alongside the drastic impacts of car accidents and is clogging streets that once held bustling farmer's markets and was [were] a pedestrian friendly hotspot. Upon experimentally employing car free zones in Madrid, the rows of cars that wheezed out harmful pollutants are disappearing and so are the mortality and car crash rates. Some may say that doing so only brings more traffic but in retrospect, this is false as less cars are able to circuit around and most will opt for different highways rather than just the most populous.

#3 Moreover, it is a prevailing and recurring problem of such when the socialising due to all the traffic that blocks streets and neighbourhoods. [Moreover, socialising becomes a prevailing and recurring problem when traffic blocks streets and neighbourhoods.] A local resident, mrs.Bobby [Mrs. Bobby], has reported the feeling of not being able to get out of the house and socialise with neighbours. Her osteoarthritic knees suffer from the sharp pains when walking blocks to go meet her friends. Sadly, the traffic that blocks houses also restrict [restricts] essential aspects, especially for generally more social elderly citizens. Fortunately, when her council employed car free zones everyday seemed brighter and more enjoyable. Such a small idea, but big impacts. Today, 46 percent of people are increasingly motivated to socialise with their surroundings, exponentially boosting mental health.

#2 Henceforth, the incorporation of car free zones can have a significant impact on health throughout children and adults, reduce the drastic car incident rates and help people socialise more often. This is why the deployment of car free zones are [is] crucial and benevolent for everyone.