Term 3 - 2025: Week 6 - Writing Homework | Year 4 Scholarship

Section 1:

#1: "Solar panels are using renewable energy resources, cheaper than electricity and we can stop destroying the ground."

Strengths: You've clearly stated your three main arguments upfront, which helps your reader understand what to expect. Your use of parallel structure makes the sentence easy to follow.

Weakness: Subject-verb disagreement → Your sentence mixes singular and plural forms incorrectly. "Solar panels" is plural, so you need "are" throughout, and you should say "use" instead of "are using" for clearer writing.

Exemplar: Solar panels use renewable energy resources, cost less than electricity, and help us stop destroying the ground.

#2: "As suggested by their name, the power generated by solar panels come from the Sun, which comes up everyday, meaning the power generated by it is infinite."

Strengths: You've connected the concept to something familiar (the name "solar panels") which helps readers understand. Your reasoning flows logically from one idea to the next.

Weakness: Imprecise scientific reasoning → You've oversimplified how renewable energy works. The sun's energy isn't actually "infinite" - it's just very reliable and long-lasting. Also, "everyday" should be "every day" when referring to daily occurrence.

Exemplar: The power from solar panels comes from the Sun, which shines every day, making it a very reliable and long-lasting energy source.

#3: "For that reason, solar panels will never run out of sources... If you buy solar panels, that means that you can pay less for 'electricity' bills!"

Strengths: You're making clear connections between your points and conclusions. Your enthusiasm comes through well and engages the reader.

Weakness: Unclear pronoun references and awkward phrasing → When you say "sources" it's not clear what you mean, and putting "electricity" in quotation marks confuses the meaning. Your sentence structure could be smoother.

Exemplar: Solar panels will always have sunlight available as their energy source... When you install solar panels, you can reduce your electricity bills significantly.

■ Your piece shows good understanding of the main benefits of solar panels, and you've structured your argument clearly with an introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion. However, your writing would benefit from more precise language and stronger connections between ideas. Additionally, some of your scientific explanations need to be more accurate - for example, describing renewable energy sources more carefully rather than calling them "infinite." Your paragraphs also need smoother transitions to help readers follow your thinking. Consider starting each paragraph with phrases like "Firstly," "Another important benefit is," or "Most importantly" to guide your reader. Also, focus on making your sentences clearer by checking that your subjects and verbs match properly. Your conclusion effectively summarises your main points, but you could strengthen it by restating why these benefits matter specifically for schools.

Overall Score: 40/50

Section 2:

I definitely believe [strongly believe] that installing solar panels is beneficial for not only the school, but also for the ecosystem. #1 Solar panels are using [use] renewable energy resources, cheaper than electricity [cost less than electricity] and we can stop destroying [help us stop destroying] the ground. Therefore, solar panels are absolutely worth it.

To begin with, #2 solar panels use solar power. As suggested by their name, the power generated by solar panels come [comes] from the Sun, which comes up everyday [shines every day], meaning the power generated by it is infinite [very reliable and long-lasting]. That makes it a renewable energy source, unlike fossil fuels, using fossils from the ground [which use fossils from the ground], and the fossils could instead be displayed at the museum! For that reason, solar panels will never run out of sources [Therefore, solar panels will always have sunlight available as their energy source].

Additionally, solar panels are cheaper than electricity. According to Energy Matters, electricity is becoming more expensive while solar panels are becoming cheaper. If you buy solar panels, that means that you can pay less for "electricity" bills! [When you install solar panels, you can significantly reduce your electricity bills!] Thus, solar panels are cheaper than electricity.

#3 To end with, solar panels can stop us from destroying the ground. For solar panels, all you need to do is attach it [them] to your roof, but fossil fuels you need to extract it [with fossil fuels you need to extract them] from the ground. It could also help with climate change, as factories normally use smoke, making climate change harder to fight [Solar panels also help fight climate change because they don't produce harmful emissions like coal-powered electricity plants do]. So, solar panels can stop us from destroying the ground.

In conclusion, solar panels are definitely worth it. Solar panels are eco-friendly, cheaper than electricity and don't need a whole process of extracting. If everyone used solar panels, electricity bills might not exist! Wouldn't you like that?