

Section 1

#1: Opening Paragraph ("Good morning, my fellow citizens...a heart that cares.")

Strengths:

- Your opening creates a warm, welcoming tone by directly addressing your audience as "fellow citizens," which helps build connection from the start.
- The personal story about your neighbour sharing their last meal effectively shows what leadership means to you through a real example rather than just telling readers about it.

Generic Opening → Your first paragraph uses a very common way to begin speeches ("Good morning, my fellow citizens" and "turning point in our nation's history"), which makes it sound similar to many other speeches. These phrases have been used so often that they don't grab attention or make your speech memorable. Consider starting with something more unique to you—perhaps beginning immediately with your personal story, or asking a thought-provoking question that relates specifically to the challenges your country faces. This would help your speech stand out and engage listeners from the very first sentence.

Exemplar: *"When I was eight years old, I watched my neighbour give away her last meal to a stranger. In that moment, I learnt what our nation needs most: leaders who choose compassion over comfort."*

#2: Problem Statement and Vision ("Right now, one in five families...change that.")

Strengths:

- You provide a specific statistic ("one in five families") which helps your audience understand the size of the problem clearly.
- The repetition of "I believe" shows your confidence and passion about creating change.

Vague Solutions → While you mention that families struggle to meet their daily needs and say "we can change that," you don't explain how you plan to change it. Your audience needs to know what specific actions you would take as President. Will you create new jobs? Provide food programmes? Lower the cost of basic goods? Without explaining your actual plans, your promise sounds empty

because people won't understand what makes you different from other candidates or why they should trust that you can solve this problem. Try adding one or two specific actions you would take to help struggling families.

Exemplar: *"Right now, one in five families struggle to meet their daily needs. I believe we can change that by creating 50,000 new jobs in the next year and ensuring every child receives a free, nutritious breakfast at school."*

#3: Rhetorical Questions Section ("Do we not all dream...stronger than ever before?")

Strengths:

- Your questions focus on things most people care about (safety, education, opportunity), which helps unite your audience around shared values.

Unclear Connection → You ask two powerful questions about safer streets, better education and equal opportunities, but then you don't connect these questions to any specific ideas or plans. After asking "Do we not all dream of safer streets?" your audience is waiting to hear how you'll make streets safer, but instead you move to another question and then a general statement about standing together. This leaves readers feeling unsatisfied because you've raised their hopes about important issues without showing them your vision for solving them. After each question (or after both questions), you should add at least one sentence explaining what you would actually do about these problems.

Exemplar: *"Do we not all dream of safer streets? I will put more police officers in our neighbourhoods and create youth programmes that give young people positive activities after school, reducing crime at its roots."*

■ Your speech shows genuine passion for helping your country, and your personal story about the neighbour is the strongest part of your writing because it gives readers a real picture of your values. However, your piece needs much more substance to convince voters to choose you. Throughout the speech, you make broad promises like "we can build a nation that offers hope to all" and "together, we can make this dream real," but you never explain the actual steps you'll take to achieve these goals. Voters need specific information: What laws will you pass? What programmes will you create? How will you pay for these changes?

Additionally, your second paragraph where you introduce yourself feels disconnected from the rest of the speech. You say "My name is Riya" quite late, and this paragraph interrupts the flow between your opening story and your vision for the country. Consider moving your introduction to the very beginning, or weaving it more smoothly into your narrative.

Also, your conclusion repeats the same general ideas without adding new information or leaving readers with a powerful final thought. The eagle metaphor ("Our country can soar like an eagle") appears suddenly without any earlier reference to eagles or flight, making it feel disconnected. Choose symbols and images that you develop throughout the speech, or save a fresh, powerful image for your conclusion that ties together everything you've said. Your closing should make voters remember specific reasons to choose you, not just feel generally hopeful.

Overall Score: 43/50

Section 2

~~#1 Good morning, my fellow citizens,~~ [When I was eight years old, I watched my neighbour give away her last meal to a stranger—and in that moment, I learnt what true leadership means.]

~~Today, we stand at a turning point in our nation's history, a time to choose not just a leader but a vision for the future.~~ [My name is Riya, and today I stand before you, asking for your trust and your vote to become the next President of our great nation.] Leadership is not about power or fame; it is about compassion, courage, and the willingness to serve others. When I was younger, I once saw a ~~neighbour~~ [that same neighbour] share their last meal with someone in need. That simple act showed me that true leadership begins with kindness and a heart that cares.

~~My name is Riya, and I am standing before you today, asking for your trust and your vote to become the next President of our great nation.~~ You, the people, have the power to shape our country's future.

#2 Right now, one in five families struggle to meet their daily needs. I believe we can change that - [by creating 50,000 new jobs within our first year and ensuring every child receives free breakfast and lunch at school.] I believe that with unity, honesty, and courage, we can build a nation that offers hope to all.

#3 Do we not all dream of safer streets, better education, and equal opportunities? ~~Do we not all wish to see our country rise stronger than ever before?~~ [I will make our streets safer by increasing neighbourhood police presence and creating after-school programmes that give young people purpose. I will improve education by raising teacher salaries and providing free textbooks to every student. I will ensure equal opportunities by supporting small businesses with low-interest loans and creating apprenticeship programmes for school leavers.]

Together, we can make this dream real. We can stand as one people, one nation, with one goal: a brighter tomorrow. ~~Our country can soar like an eagle, proud and unstoppable.~~ [When we unite behind concrete action, our country will rise stronger than ever before.]

I promise to lead with integrity, to listen to every voice, and to serve with courage, compassion, and commitment.

So, when you cast your vote, remember you are not just voting for me but for a future built on unity, justice, and hope. Vote for Riya. Together, we can build a better nation.