Term 3 Holiday - 2025: Day 6 | 10-Day Intensive Writing

Section 1

#1 "My favourite food is Biryani. Why is it so good you ask? It's because of the rich flavours and the tangy taste."

Strengths:

- You've clearly stated your topic right at the start, which helps your reader know exactly what you're writing about.
- Your use of a question engages the reader and creates a conversational tone.

Weakness: Vague description → When you mention "rich flavours" and "tangy taste," these words are quite general. Your reader might wonder: what exactly do these flavours remind you of? Is it spicy like chilli, or sweet like honey mixed with sour lemon? Adding specific sensory details would help your reader imagine the taste more clearly. Instead of just saying it's tangy, you could describe how the lemon makes your tongue tingle or how the spices create warmth in your mouth.

Exemplar: "My favourite food is Biryani. Why is it so good, you ask? The aromatic spices fill the air with a warm, smoky scent, whilst the tangy lemon adds a sharp, refreshing zing that makes your taste buds come alive."

#2 "To make it even tastier is eating it with yoghurt and salad. But in both of those you also want to put spices like pepper and salt in both of the salad and yoghurt."

Strengths:

- You've shared helpful information about accompaniments that enhance the dish.
- Your practical suggestions show knowledge of how to enjoy Biryani properly.

Weakness: Repetitive phrasing → You've used the word "both" twice in the second sentence, and the phrase "to make it even tastier" appears in consecutive paragraphs. This repetition makes your writing feel clunky and less polished. Additionally, the sentence structure feels awkward because it doesn't flow smoothly from one idea to the next.

Exemplar: "Pairing Biryani with cool yoghurt and fresh salad enhances the experience even further. A sprinkle of pepper and salt in each side dish brings out their flavours beautifully."

#3 "Almost 159 Million people eat Biryani as their favourite food. That's bigger than the population of Russia."

Strengths:

- You've included a statistic to support your point, which adds credibility to your argument.
- The comparison to Russia's population helps readers understand the scale of the number.

Weakness: Missing connection → Whilst the statistic is interesting, you haven't explained why this fact matters to your argument. Your reader might think, "So many people like it—but does that actually prove it's the best?" You need to connect this evidence back to your main point about why Biryani deserves to be considered the best food. What does this popularity tell us about the dish itself?

Exemplar: "Almost 159 million people eat Biryani as their favourite food—that's more than the entire population of Russia! This widespread love shows that Biryani's incredible combination of flavours appeals to people across different cultures and countries."

■ Your piece shows enthusiasm for your topic, which makes it enjoyable to read. However, your writing would benefit from deeper exploration of why Biryani specifically deserves the title of "best food." Currently, you've listed some features—the masala, the tangy taste, the cooking time—but you haven't fully developed these ideas. For instance, in your second paragraph, you mention the Biryani Masala makes it flavourful, but what's actually in this masala? How do those ingredients work together? Additionally, your argument about the cooking time taking "a few hours" would be stronger if you explained what happens during that time. Does the rice absorb the spices slowly? Do the flavours blend together in a special way? Also, your opening paragraph promises that the reader's "mouth will water," but the descriptions that follow don't quite deliver on that promise because they lack specific, vivid details. Try expanding each paragraph with concrete examples and sensory language—describe the golden colour of the rice, the tender texture of the meat, or the aroma that fills the kitchen. Furthermore, your conclusion feels rushed. Instead of simply saying "it's your choice," you could end with a memorable image or a final reason that reinforces your main argument about why Biryani truly stands out from other foods.

Overall Score: 38/50

#1 \rightarrow Why My Favourite Food Is The Best [Why My Favourite Food Is the Best]

Imagine your favourite food. You think it's the best in the world. Right? [Imagine your favourite food. You think it's the best in the world, don't you?] But when you know my favourite foodyour [, your] mouth will water.

#2 \rightarrow My favourite food is Biryani. Why is it so goodyou [, you] ask? It's because of the rich flavours and the tangy taste. What makes it so special and tasty is the Biryani Masala [masala]. That is why it's so flavourful. That tangy taste, it's[is] made with the spices and lemon.

Almost 159 Million [million] people eat Biryani as their favourite food. That's bigger than the population of Russia. That's why many people adore it.

The reason it tastes so good is because it takes a few hours to complete. You must think that it is not worth wasting your whole day or [on] a dish? But the outcome is definitely worth it.

So after this speechyou [, you] may like Biryani or not, it's[. It's] your choice, your opinionbut [, but] believe meit [, it] is amazingly good.