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

Section 1

#1: Opening paragraph

Strengths:

- Your sensory descriptions create a vivid picture, especially with details like "yellow cheese oozed out" and "warm beach sand"
- The personal memory makes your writing feel genuine and connects emotionally with readers

Overly long sentences → Your opening contains several sentences that try to pack in too many ideas at once. For example, "The tantalising fusion of spices exploded in my mouth as the loud chatter from my cousins playing on the warm beach sand faded away" combines taste, sound, and setting all together, which makes it hard for readers to focus on any single detail. When you cram multiple sensory experiences into one sentence, the impact of each one weakens. Try separating these ideas so each sense gets its own moment to shine.

Exemplar: The tantalising fusion of spices exploded in my mouth. Around me, the loud chatter from my cousins playing on the warm beach sand faded away.

#2: Convenience paragraph

Strengths:

- You include a real statistic from the National Institute of Health, which adds credibility to your argument
- The relatable scenario about running late connects with readers' everyday experiences

Lack of clear structure → Your paragraph jumps between different ideas about convenience without smooth connections. You start with being late, then mention skipping breakfast, then jump to making quesadillas quickly, then suddenly ask about being lazy in bed, then switch to eating on the go with the ramen example. These are all good points, but they feel scattered. Readers might lose track of your main idea because you're moving from topic to topic too quickly without showing how they connect.

Exemplar: Quesadillas are extremely quick to make – one serving takes only 10 minutes. This speed makes them perfect when you're running late for work or school. They're also ideal for on-the-go eating, unlike messy foods like ramen broth that are difficult to carry.

#3: Nutrition paragraph

Strengths:

- You provide specific numbers (41g carbohydrates, 16g fat, 11g protein) which makes your point more convincing
- You clearly state why this nutritional balance matters

Underdeveloped argument \rightarrow Your nutrition paragraph is the shortest in your essay, containing only two sentences after the topic sentence. You mention the nutritional facts but don't explain *why* this balance is important or *how* it benefits people. What do these nutrients actually do for your body? Why is this balance better than other foods? You've given readers the numbers, but you haven't helped them understand what those numbers mean for their health or why they should care about them.

Exemplar: According to USDA data, one serving of a vegetable quesadilla contains 41g of carbohydrates, 16g of fat, and 11g of protein. Carbohydrates provide energy for your day, protein helps build and repair your muscles, and healthy fats keep you feeling full. This combination means you're not just eating empty calories – you're giving your body what it needs to function properly.

Tour piece presents an enthusiastic argument for quesadillas, and your passion for the topic comes through clearly. However, your essay would benefit from deeper development of your main points. Your convenience paragraph is your strongest because it includes multiple examples and scenarios, but your nutrition and variety paragraphs feel rushed and incomplete. When you present facts like nutritional information, take time to explain what those facts mean for your readers. Why should they care about 41g of carbohydrates? Additionally, your variety paragraph mentions "broad appeal" but only briefly touches on dietary requirements at the end. You could strengthen this section by giving specific examples – what would a vegetarian quesadilla contain? What about someone with a dairy allergy?

Your writing also needs smoother transitions between ideas. In your convenience paragraph, you jump from being late to skipping breakfast to being lazy without showing how these ideas connect to each other. Using linking words like "furthermore," "similarly," or "in addition to this" would help your readers follow your thinking more easily. The structure of your body paragraphs could be more balanced too – notice how your nutrition paragraph has only three sentences while your convenience paragraph is much longer. Aim for paragraphs of similar length so each main point gets equal attention. Finally, your concluding paragraph repeats ideas you've already mentioned ("convenience, nutrition, and versatility") without adding anything new. A stronger conclusion would leave readers with a final thought or question to consider, rather than just summarising what you've already said.

Overall Score: 43/50

Section 2

#1 The glistening sun radiated over my face as I took my first bite. The yellow cheese oozed out, stretching further than the Himalayas. The tantalising fusion of spices exploded in my mouth as the loud chatter from my cousins playing on the warm beach sand faded away. The aroma of the salsa that tasted like home warmed my heart, bringing back nostalgic memories from my childhood. That's when I realised [realised] — if there was one evergreen moment I wanted to cherish, it would be this: the first time I tried a quesadilla. I believe that quesadillas are undoubtedly one of the best foods in the world. Quesadillas are a fusion of all our differences, whether from Italian tomatoes, American cheese, Indian chillis [chillies], or Mexican salsa. A quesadilla is something we all love. It's another version of heaven: whether it's nutrition, convenience, or versatility, quesadillas are certainly the best. [It's another version of heaven. Whether it's nutrition, convenience, or versatility, quesadillas are certainly the best.]

#2 First of all, quesadillas are the best because of their convenience. We have all been late before, whether that's for work or school. The experience is horrible, and the worst part is when you realise you're running late — you tend to skip a few steps of your daily routine. According to the National Institute of Health, nearly One [one] in Five [five] adults skips breakfast daily — proof that convenience matters. Even skipping one meal can severely affect metabolism and concentration. But let's face it, we've all been there, and this is when quesadillas come to the rescue. Quesadillas are extremely quick to make, and one serving only takes 10 minutes. Or have you ever just been way too

lazy to even get out of your cozy blanket? [Have you ever just been way too lazy to even get out of your cosy blanket?] Additionally, quesadillas reign supreme because of their convenience, not only for making but also for on-the-go eating. Imagine walking to a train station with a bowl full of ramen broth. Do you really want a million eyes staring at you while you're just trying to get to work without being late? So the next time you're starving after school or work and just feel like lying in bed all day, you know what to make — the ultimate quesadilla.

#3 Secondly, quesadillas are the best food because of the nutritional benefits that come with them. According to USDA data, one serving of a vegetable quesadilla contains 41g of carbohydrates, 16g of fat, and 11g of protein, making it a balanced meal — a perfect balance. So if you're ever looking for a guilt-free eating session, you know what to eat.

Finally, quesadillas are far finer than any other food because of their variety. They come in so many forms, which leads to broad appeal, meaning that anyone can enjoy them. Whether you're dealing with a picky eater, religious reasons, or allergies, quesadillas can be enjoyed by everyone. Their versatility also makes them incredibly convenient. For example, if you're cooking dinner for your friends after a long, tiring day at work and someone has dietary requirements, you can simply add different ingredients for them or take out anything they can't have.

To conclude, quesadillas aren't just another fast food but a sense of comfort. They bring warmth to your heart, flavor [flavour] to your soul, and satisfaction to your plate. They win in convenience, nutrition, and versatility while also giving you that comforting feel. That's why quesadillas aren't just food — they're the best creation ever made.