

Section 1

#1: Opening Paragraph

Strengths:

- Your hook grabs attention immediately with vivid imagery about waking up and falling asleep with technology
- You include a specific statistic (92%) which adds credibility to your argument

Repetitive Sentence Structure → Your opening contains many short sentences that follow the same pattern, making the rhythm feel choppy. Notice how you write "Technology is taking over," then "The takeover has already been done," then "Your life is being dominated by technology." These similar structures placed together make your writing feel less smooth. Try varying your sentence lengths by combining some ideas or using different ways to start your sentences.

Exemplar: Technology isn't merely approaching – it has already conquered our world. From the instant your eyes open to check notifications (before your feet even touch the floor) until you drift asleep bathed in blue screen light, digital devices surround every moment of your existence.

#2: Body Paragraph on Relationships

Strengths:

- You use the communication breakdown (7%, 26%, 67%) to support your point with clear numbers
- Your question "What heartwarming feeling do you feel if connection takes 3 seconds and a number?" creates an emotional impact

Unclear Logical Flow → Your ideas jump around without smooth connections between them. You begin discussing communication percentages, then suddenly shift to FaceTime and effort, then move to internet problems, and finally to relationships ending. Each point is interesting, but they feel

disconnected from each other. You need transition words and clearer links showing how one idea leads to the next.

Exemplar: Technology has transformed our relationships by making connection easier yet less meaningful. Consider this: only 7% of communication comes from words, whilst 26% comes from tone and 67% from body language. When we rely on screens to connect, we lose most of these crucial elements. Furthermore, even video calls cannot replicate the warmth of in-person meetings because genuine connection requires effort – setting aside time, travelling to meet someone, and being fully present.

#3: Body Paragraph on Identity

Strengths:

- Your parallel structure "can do more than weaken... can do more than change... can shift" creates powerful rhythm
- The mirror metaphor at the end creates a haunting image

Underdeveloped Argument → You mention how TV shows create unrealistic wishes and make people self-conscious, but you don't explain deeply enough how this actually changes someone's identity. You state that it happens, but you don't show the process or consequences clearly. What does it mean for your identity to shift? How does comparing yourself to perfect videos change who you are as a person? Your paragraph needs more depth to convince readers that technology truly reshapes identity, not just makes people feel bad temporarily.

Exemplar: Digital devices reshape your fundamental sense of self. When you constantly view curated, perfect lifestyles on TV and social media, you begin measuring your worth against impossible standards. Over time, this comparison doesn't just make you feel bad momentarily – it actually changes how you define yourself. You might start believing you're only valuable if you appear perfect, or that your real life is inadequate. Content creators suffer differently: they project flawless images whilst knowing they're false, creating a painful split between their authentic selves and their online personas. Each glance in the mirror becomes a reminder of this gap between reality and performance.

■ Your piece tackles an important topic and shows strong passionate engagement with the issue of technology's influence. Your opening creates urgency effectively, and you've structured your argument to cover different areas of life – daily routines, relationships, and identity. However, your writing would benefit significantly from deeper exploration of your ideas. Many of your points tell readers that technology causes problems, but you need to show how and why these problems occur with more detail and evidence.

Additionally, your paragraphs need stronger connections between sentences. Right now, your ideas sometimes feel like separate thoughts listed one after another rather than building upon each other. Try using words like "furthermore," "consequently," "in contrast," or "this means that" to link your points together more smoothly.

Also, consider developing each body paragraph more fully. Your relationship paragraph, for instance, presents several interesting ideas (communication percentages, effort in connection, internet disruptions), but these points aren't explored deeply enough or connected clearly. Take time to explain one idea thoroughly before moving to the next. Your identity paragraph particularly needs expansion – push yourself to explain not just what happens, but why it matters and what the long-term effects might be. Think about adding more specific examples that readers can relate to from their own lives, which will make your abstract points feel more concrete and convincing.

Overall Score: 41/50

Section 2:

#1 → ~~The moment you fear has arrived. Technology is taking over the world, and it isn't starting. The takeover has already been done.~~ **[The moment you fear has arrived: technology is taking over the world, and it hasn't just started – the takeover is already complete.]** From the moment you wake up to the moment you fall asleep [,] technology is there. Your life is being dominated by technology [;] you rely on it for everything. First thing in the morning you check your comments **[and]** your brain is already soaked in technology before your feet even hit the floor [.] ~~and each~~ **[Each]** night you fall asleep to the gentle hum and glowing blue screens of technology. Additionally, there is a

92% chance ~~of~~ **[that]** your career ~~needing requiring~~ **[requires]** you to use technology **;** combine that with the occasional online order **[and]** then practically your whole life is spent behind a screen.

Technology is embedding itself into our daily routine **[.]** ~~it~~ **[It]** was created ~~aid~~ **[to aid]** professionals in their studies but already, after a mere 15-20 years it has become a necessity. These electronics are now way more than a convenience but a filter for the way we see life. They have now changed our routines, shifted our relationships **[and]** ~~are even~~ **[even]** reshaped our identities. If this isn't control what is? Still, most of us accept it without question, completely unaware ~~about~~ **[of]** how deeply it has changed things.

#2 → Technology has affected our relationships just by making ~~it~~ **[them]** easier to access. For one, it ~~would lower~~ **[lowers]** the level of understanding possible because ~~the amount of~~ **[only 7% of]** communication is actually only 7% the words you use **[comes from the words you use,]** ~~26%~~ **[26% from]** the tone you use and 67% ~~the~~ **[from]** body language. Even if you do ~~facetime~~ **[FaceTime]** friends or family you still won't be able to replicate ~~your~~ **[genuine]** affection because setting up a time and place and going **[—]** it all takes effort. What heartwarming feeling do you feel if connection takes 3 seconds and a number? The constant interruptions that are related to internet problems or simply because of the more appealing distractions online will also disrupt the quality of the chat **[and]** often ~~leading~~ **[lead]** to feelings of neglect. Additionally, ~~it makes that makes~~ **[technology makes]** it easier for relationships to crumble **[.]** ~~its~~ **[It's]** just so much simpler to stop calling or to decline the call than to ignore the person in front of you. So even if technology makes contacting each other easier it also makes disconnection effortless.

#3 → Digital devices can do more than weaken and destroy relationships. Digital devices can do more than change your daily routine. Digital devices can shift your identity and change your entire being. ~~It~~ ~~changes~~ **[They change]** the way you present yourself in front of other people and eat away at your confidence. TV for example, communicates videos that show off a perfect lifestyle **[and]** often ~~leading~~ **[leads]** to the viewers having unrealistic wishes and being self-conscious. Meanwhile, the creators of the video are unsatisfied because they are projecting a perfect image that is fake, creating a doubt each time they look in the mirror **[—]** something that whispers that they will never be as good as their videos.

We've let technology into our lives without really thinking about what we're giving up. It's changed how we live, how we talk to people, and even how we see ourselves. We rely on it for everything, and most of the time we don't even notice. But if we stop and look at how much control it has, it's kind of scary. Are we still choosing how we live, or are we just following whatever the screen tells us? We should know.

What lead I chose and why: I chose this because it's an urgent lead. [~~that~~] ~~It~~ [it] jumps right in and shows how serious the situation is. [.] Technology isn't just starting to take over [—] it already has. [.] I wanted people to feel that pressure and ~~realize~~ [realise] how much it's controlling our lives from the second we wake up to the second we sleep. [.] It's bold and ~~dramatic~~, [dramatic] and that's exactly why I started with it.