

Section 1:

#1 Introduction Paragraph Strengths:

- Vivid imagery creates an engaging opening with descriptive phrases like "jubilant crowds" and "glistening skyscrapers"
- Clear position statement supporting Japan's model with three well-structured reasons

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped Thesis Statement → Your opening paragraph presents interesting imagery but your thesis statement lacks specific connection to Japan's post-war economic development. The phrase "I believe this because" introduces reasons without establishing a clear link to the prompt's focus on modernisation and cultural changes.

Exemplar: "Japan's post-war economic miracle offers an ideal model for modernising nations, as its successful blend of rapid development and cultural adaptation demonstrates how countries can achieve prosperity while preserving their heritage."

#2 Second Body Paragraph (Cultural Preservation) Strengths:

- Effective use of Thailand's Muay Thai as a specific example
- Clear counterargument structure addressing cultural preservation concerns

Weaknesses: Limited Analysis → Your discussion of cultural preservation through tourism focuses primarily on surface-level examples. The phrase "This is a very extreme misinterpretation" would be stronger if supported by deeper analysis of how economic growth specifically enables cultural preservation.

Exemplar: "The economic benefits of modernisation actually strengthen cultural preservation, as demonstrated by Thailand's experience, where tourism revenue has funded extensive Muay Thai training centres and cultural education programs."

#3 Conclusion Strengths:

- Concise summary of main arguments
- Strong connection to future implications

Weaknesses: Repetitive Summary → Your conclusion merely restates previous points without synthesising them into a broader insight. The phrase "we should all follow Japan's example" could be elevated to address the larger implications of modernisation.

Exemplar: "Japan's economic miracle demonstrates that modernisation, when thoughtfully implemented, can create a virtuous cycle where economic prosperity reinforces cultural vitality, offering a blueprint for nations seeking similar transformation."

Actionable Task: Rewrite your second body paragraph focusing specifically on how Japan's economic miracle enabled cultural preservation, using concrete examples from Japan's post-war period rather than other countries.

Score: 42/50

Section 2:

Imagine, jubilant crowds of people cheering, glistening skyscrapers grace the once impoverished skyline. Envision a glistening utopia of prosperity, sublime energy, corporate goods, streets filled with youthful, optimistic, forward-thinking energy. ~~#1 Countries pursuing modernisation should follow Japan's post-war economic miracle as a role model, despite the extreme social and cultural changes.~~ [Nations pursuing modernisation should embrace Japan's post-war economic miracle as their model, acknowledging that while it requires significant social and cultural adaptation, the benefits far outweigh the challenges.] It's the Paris of the east. ~~I believe this because it can benefit the economic wellbeing of the local people, it can help countries futures and rapid economic growth can actually support the cultural preservations of nations museums and cultural centres.~~ [This model promises enhanced economic wellbeing for local populations, secures countries' futures, and provides resources for preserving national museums and cultural centres.]

First of all, people should follow Japan's example because it would benefit the economic wellbeing of the local people. That's already a monumental reason why this change should proceed. ~~During Covid-19, the people in Hawaii suffered the most.~~ [During the Covid-19 pandemic, Hawaii's population experienced severe economic hardship.] Do you know why? This was because of the tourism industry breaking down as no one could travel anymore due to lockdown. This meant many Hawaiians lost their jobs, so unemployment was at an all-time high. Except over time Hawaii's tourism industry has escalated and more people have been able to get jobs because of the industries. This has widely benefited the local community.

~~#2 Some people may think that making rapid growth our NO.1 priority will destroy the cultural preservation of the country.~~ [Critics argue that prioritising rapid growth above all else might compromise our cultural heritage.] This is a very extreme misinterpretation because the money produced by the economy will support cultural preservation more than ever, through memorials, museums and local centres. Tourists could also learn the ancient culture of the country by visiting. Thailand provides the ideal example for this. Thailand's Muay Thai, a traditional martial arts practice. It was once lost, but now Muay Thai is experiencing a meteoric rise in global popularity. How did this happen? When Thailand began prioritising its tourism industry, many people from around the world came to learn, practice and master this form of art. This has resurrected Muay Thai through tourism, preserving this great form of art.

Finally, rapid growth is a crucial part in a countries future. The economy's profit will make certain the preservation of the country's culture. Also, GDP leads to greater healthcare, educational outcomes and the overall prosperity – wellbeing of its people. This will make sure that this country will be remembered, not fading away into history as the clock keeps ticking.

~~#3 In conclusion, we should all follow Japan's example as it will benefit the economic wellbeing of the local people, it can support many cultural preservations, and the most crucial one is that it will help the country develop a better future.~~ [In conclusion, Japan's economic miracle provides a compelling blueprint for modernisation that enhances local prosperity, preserves cultural heritage through increased resources, and ensures a nation's lasting development and global relevance.]

Interview:

What are your academic strengths and weaknesses? ~~An academic strength of mine is that I am organized, and I am always open to teachers or peers feedback.~~ [One of my academic strengths is my organisational ability, coupled with my openness to feedback from teachers and peers.] Whenever we do 2 stars and 1 wish in class with a partner, I always listen to the feedback they give me, and I never get frustrated with it even if I may not agree with them. I am also very ~~organized~~ [organised], every year at my school we each get a diary. We use the diary to organize our homework, add in our extra ~~eo-curriculars~~ [co-curriculars] and write important reminders. My teacher has said that my diary is very ~~organized~~ [organised], and my ~~organization~~ [organisation] skills are excellent. I know when I have to do homework, when it's maybe special events at school or outside of school. Some weaknesses of mine ~~is~~ [are] that I struggle a bit in grammar. I sometimes have a bit of trouble, and I get confused sometimes. Although, this year everyone in year 5 had a parent – teacher – student interview. It's basically a parent teacher interview but the student is there too. I was given extra sheets to practice at home and it has really helped me improve my grammar skills.

Can you describe a challenging situation you've faced and how you handled it? It's not the most challenging situation I've faced but this year I started my own business. I had to decide though if I would actually have time to spend time making things for the stalls I would do. It would've made me have less time to do my homework. ~~Except~~ [However,] I figured out a way that I could manage my homework and start my business as well. I used to do [play] soccer on Friday, Monday, Saturday and other days ~~to~~ [too]. I decided to not do soccer on Friday anymore so that I would have time to do my homework. Also, instead of doing a stall almost every week I only do a few stalls throughout the year. That might sound like a bad idea but throughout all the weeks that I'm not doing a stall I can find time to make many things to sell and when I do a stall, I have lots of stock.

What are your long-term career aspirations, and how will this scholarship help you achieve them? My long-term career goal is to become a professional soccer player. The schools that I am applying for, I know that they have good sports programs. The schools I am enrolling for participate in the IPSHA Saturday sport competition and in term 1, it's soccer. Playing soccer may not be a great career goal

but it can help enhance my teamwork and collaboration skills. It teaches coordination [,] promotes teamwork and sharing [,] teaches you to 'think on the run'~~helps~~ [,helps] to increase skills in concentration, persistence and self-discipline. This scholarship can help me achieve it by letting me use these sports programs at these schools I am enrolling for and let me develop some crucial strengths that I will need later on and now in life.