#### TERM 1 2025 | 15th April | DAY 2 | HOLIDAY WRITING

# **Section 1:**

### Part #1 (First paragraph)

**Strengths:** Your opening establishes a clear purpose and shows passion for the library's importance. You effectively appeal to the value of knowledge preservation.

**Weakness:** Inconsistent syntax  $\rightarrow$  Your sentence structure shifts awkwardly, particularly with the phrase "Not only does the guardian of knowledge protect knowledge..." The placement of "not only" disrupts the logical flow of your argument, making it difficult to follow your key points.

Exemplar: The knowledge held in our incomparable library is invaluable, and destroying this facility means erasing generations of collected wisdom. This guardian of knowledge not only protects countless volumes but also houses irreplaceable records of our shared history.

### Part #2 (Second paragraph)

**Strengths:** Your emotional appeal effectively conveys the community's attachment to the library. The rhetorical question engages the reader directly.

**Weakness:** Lack of specificity → You mention "profound minds" but don't provide any concrete examples of who these people are or what contributions they've made. Without specific evidence, your claim that the library "produces the most profound minds" remains unsupported and weakens your persuasive appeal.

Exemplar: This beacon of learning has nurtured renowned minds including Professor Sarah Chen, whose groundbreaking research began in our reading rooms, and the award-winning novelist James Thornton, who credits our archives for his historical accuracy. Indeed, you yourself benefited from these resources during your own academic journey.

#### Part #3 (Third paragraph)

**Strengths:** Your vivid imagery creates a strong emotional impact about the potential destruction. The sensory details help readers visualize the consequences.

**Weakness:** Overreliance on emotive language  $\rightarrow$  The paragraph relies heavily on emotionally charged language ("malefic machines," "tremors," "demonic," "monsters") without balancing these with logical arguments or factual evidence. This excessive emotional appeal can undermine your credibility.

Exemplar: I urge you to consider the consequences of demolition. The library building, designed by renowned architect Eleanor Wright in 1904, represents one of only three remaining Victorian Gothic structures in our region. According to the Heritage Society's 2049 report, such buildings increase property values in surrounding areas by an average of 17%.

■ Your letter shows genuine passion for preserving the library, which is commendable. However, your argument would be significantly strengthened by including specific facts and statistics that demonstrate the library's concrete value to the community. Also, consider addressing potential counterarguments about why a shopping complex might be beneficial, then refuting those points with evidence. Additionally, your letter would benefit from a more organised structure with clear sections for your key arguments. Try using transitional phrases to guide your reader through your reasoning. Finally, varying your sentence structure while maintaining clarity would make your writing more engaging and persuasive. Remember that compelling arguments combine emotional appeals with factual evidence and logical reasoning.

Overall Score: 28/50

# **Section 2:**

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Dear Councillor Huang,

The knowledge held in our incomparable library is invaluable [,] and destroying this library is also destroying payloads of knowledge. Not only does the [this] guardian of knowledge [not only] protect [protects] [This guardian of knowledge not only protects] knowledge but also holds intricate books of our history [.] [W][W]hat will replace our historic library? A soulless shopping complex devoid of intellectual nourishment. Would you really mitigate [sacrifice] history for yet another dire shopping mall?

#2 This beacon of life produces the most profound minds in our country, and it also produced your mind. The threat [threats] [threats] of losing this monumental player in this community [still] [still] lingers eerily throughout the town, sending chills down the back of our spines.

#3 I just have to urge you to think of our superb library getting demolished by malefic [destructive] machines. You [We] [We] will feel the tremors in the ground as those [demonie] [powerful] electric monsters will erunch annihilate [annihilate] that [our] [our] sublime library to pieces. The very air shivers as knowledge and history are torn to shreds. Those mechanical monsters [beasts] [beasts] will cast an aura of malignity [despair] around you, wherever you go you will be met by faces of despair.

So just think, do you want to do this sinister deed? It's our library that has nurtured our minds, it's our library that [has] preserved our history, it's our library that deserves protection. I hope that among that mindset to demolish our beloved library you may choose to spare that [our] [our] innocent library. Me and my community [My community and I] hope for the best [,] so please don't let us down.

Kind regards,

The community