Writing Feedback

TERM 2 - 2025 | WEEK 9 - Writing | Year 5 Scholarship Essentials

#### Section 1:

#1 "Firstly, I believe artistic self-expression holds paramount value in society as it restores the inner happiness of those once deprived of joy. Although science contains a life-preserving power, it alone leaves us hollow- bodies preserved but spirits malnourished. Consider the cancer survivors that gaze at hospital walls, itching to move their stilled limbs."

## Strengths:

- You've created a powerful contrast between physical healing and emotional wellbeing.
- Your use of specific examples (cancer survivors) helps make your argument concrete.

Weakness: Incomplete comparison → While you effectively describe how art fulfils emotional needs, you don't fully address science's role in this comparison. This creates an imbalanced argument. You mention science has "life-preserving power" but don't explore any potential emotional benefits scientific advancement might provide.

Exemplar: Science saves lives through medical breakthroughs, but artistic expression nurtures those lives by providing meaning, comfort, and emotional healing that clinical solutions alone cannot offer.

#2 "Consider the patients of which are incapable of speech that communicate- not with words but with music, and forms a language that only art can decipher. Artistic self- expression produce pathways that medicene could not reach by itself."

### Strengths:

- Your example of non-verbal patients using music effectively illustrates art's unique communication power.
- You've highlighted a specific way art complements science's limitations.

Weakness: Underdeveloped example → This powerful example needs more detail to fully demonstrate how art creates "shared human understanding." You introduce the concept of patients using music to communicate but don't explain how this specifically creates understanding between people. The connection between your claim and example needs strengthening.

Exemplar: When patients who cannot speak create music, they not only express their own feelings but also form connections with others who recognise shared emotions in those melodies, creating bridges of understanding that medical science alone cannot build.

#3 "In conclusion, artistic expression reaches beyond the body to the soul—the war veteran whose nightmares subsided only when his trembling hands began to paint. The grief-stricken widow whose frozen face finally cracks into expression when the right song played, and the abused child whose hunched shoulders gradually straighten through dance therapy, her body reclaiming itself movement by movement."

# Strengths:

- Your conclusion uses vivid, specific examples that powerfully illustrate your argument.
- Your writing creates clear mental images that demonstrate art's healing power.

Weakness: Disconnected from main arguments  $\rightarrow$  These compelling examples in your conclusion weren't developed in your main paragraphs. They appear suddenly at the end without being connected to your earlier points about happiness, shared understanding, and emotional expression. This makes your conclusion feel separate from the body of your essay. Throughout your essay, weave in these powerful examples - like the painting veteran, the widow moved by music, and the child healed through dance - to directly support each of your main arguments about happiness, understanding, and emotional expression.

■ Your piece shows tremendous promise with its passionate defence of artistic expression. The emotional depth of your examples really shines, especially in your conclusion where you paint vivid pictures of art healing various traumas. To improve the substance of your writing, consider developing a more balanced comparison between art and science throughout. While your focus on art's benefits is clear, acknowledging science's emotional contributions would strengthen your argument. Also, try connecting your examples more directly to your main points - for example, explain specifically how the war veteran's painting relates to one of your key arguments about happiness or understanding. You could also improve the flow between paragraphs by using linking sentences that connect each new point to the previous one. Additionally, consider expanding your second paragraph to more fully demonstrate how art creates shared understanding between people, not just self-expression. Your conclusion contains your strongest examples - consider introducing these earlier and developing them throughout your essay rather than saving them for the end.

## Overall score: 41/50

### Section 2:

Artistic expression is more valuable to society than scientific advancement, as it makes you realise the importance of fufilling [fulfilling] the happiness patients are deprived from, helps you find an understanding in those alike you, and evokes emotion from deep within yourself.

Firstly, I believe artistic self-expression holds paramount value in society as it restores the inner happiness of those once deprived of joy. Although science contains a life-preserving power, it alone leaves us hollow- bodies preserved but spirits malnourished. Consider the cancer survivors that gaze at hospital walls, itching to move their stilled limbs. Think of the trauma patient with eyes that hunger for beauty, that searches for the gentle brushstokes [brushstrokes] from a canvas that displays his worst nightmares. Although science extends existence, artistic expression creates a meaning beyond mere survival.

#2 Secondly, art is essential to transform unspeakable sufferings into shared human understanding. Human existence extends far beyond those critical medical moments into the vast territories of connection. When the pain subsides and the body stabilized [stabilises], you no longer tremble wity [with] physical pain but with existential uncertainty. Consider the patients of which are incapable of speech that communicate- not with words but with music, and forms a language that only art can decipher. [Consider patients who cannot speak but communicate through music, forming a language that only art can decipher.] Artistic self- expression produce [produces] pathways that medicene [medicine] could not reach by itself.

Finally, creative endeavour is crucial to the expression of emotions. Every sentence uttered comforts the scars of past hardship that were thought forever wounded. Many reason that science is crafted with precise measurements and each instruction perfectly labelled, all in the hopes of saving lives, but it does not acknowledge the fact that art enables us to express our feelings freely. Think about those who are relieved from the interal [internal] pain but still feel a pain from the emotions heavy in themselves, with the only way of recovery is when words spill onto paper like the waves that crash onto the shore.

#3 In conclusion, artistic expression reaches beyond the body to the soul—the war veteran whose nightmares subsided only when his trembling hands began to paint. The grief-stricken widow whose frozen face finally cracks into expression when the right song played [plays], and the abused child whose hunched shoulders gradually straighten through dance therapy, her body reclaiming itself movement by movement. [the abused child whose hunched shoulders gradually straighten through dance therapy, her body reclaiming itself movement by movement.]