

Section 1:

#1 "Scientific advancement is clearly more valuable to society than artistic self-expression. It is not just about creating new gadgets and tools; it involves life-saving medicines to heal and patch up wounds. Haven't you seen those wheezing patients, their lungs clogged up and their fingers trembling? Those people who still, miraculously, walked out of the doors of the hospital alive, despite all of the highly plausible possibilities that could have shattered this one. This was a miracle, but one that was caused by the science that created those pills which provided a second chance."

Strengths: Your opening establishes a clear position with a strong claim. You effectively use vivid imagery of patients to create an emotional connection with the reader.

Weakness: Loose connection between ideas → Your paragraph begins with a broad claim about science versus art, but then narrows exclusively to medicine without establishing a framework for your overall argument. You mention "highly plausible possibilities" without specifying what these are, leaving the reader to fill in gaps. "This was a miracle, but one that was caused by the science" contradicts itself slightly as miracles are typically understood as unexplainable events, while science explains phenomena.

Exemplar: *Scientific advancement clearly delivers more tangible benefits to society than artistic self-expression. Beyond merely creating gadgets and tools, science produces life-saving medicines that heal wounds and cure diseases. Consider patients struggling to breathe, their bodies weakened by illness, who leave hospital healthy because of medical treatments developed through scientific research. These recoveries aren't miracles, but rather the predictable results of scientific innovation that gives people second chances at life.*

#2 "To begin with, these contributions are much more useful than artistic self-expression. Do you think that a dance with breathtaking leaps and spectacular twirls, no matter how incredible, could save a dying patient, coughing constantly and eyes swollen so much that they are almost shut, cheeks burning hot with fever? Of course not! The thing that can save them and return the vitality to their face, their cheeks and their overall being is medicine. You can't make medicine by playing the piano, or painting, or drawing. Scientific advancement can forge these groundbreaking medicine to save lives, clearly highlighting the need to prioritise it."

Strengths: Your rhetorical question effectively challenges readers to compare artistic expression with medical science. You maintain consistent imagery about illness and recovery throughout the paragraph.

Weakness: Limited comparison → You present a single comparison between art and science (medicine saving lives versus dance not saving lives), which doesn't fully explore the value of either. The

comparison feels unbalanced because you're judging art by a standard (saving physical lives) that it isn't designed to meet. Your paragraph doesn't acknowledge any unique benefits of artistic expression that might be valuable in different ways.

Exemplar: *Scientific contributions deliver immediate, measurable benefits that artistic self-expression cannot match in certain crucial areas. While a beautiful dance performance might move us emotionally, it cannot directly treat a patient suffering from fever and respiratory distress. Medicine, developed through scientific research, physically restores health and saves lives in ways that playing music or creating visual art cannot. This life-saving capacity demonstrates why science must receive significant societal investment, though this doesn't mean art lacks its own important value.*

#3 "While I believe that scientific advancement is a crucial part of modern society, I must acknowledge the shining argument that artistic expression is the final piece in becoming yourself. Although medicine is what lets you live, expressing yourself is how you can truly be happy, nourishing the spirit and soothing the mind. It completes the recovery process, fitting in like the final piece in a jigsaw. Yet for all of its revitalising power, artistic self-expression is still the final step; without scientific advancement, you won't make it long enough, let alone the final one. So even if artistic expression is powerful and essential in cracking open your shell to find you, it is no use without scientific advancement."

Strengths: You show good critical thinking by acknowledging the counterargument about art's importance. Your jigsaw metaphor effectively illustrates how science and art might complement each other.

Weakness: Underdeveloped concession → You introduce the counterargument but don't fully explore it before dismissing it. Your paragraph suggests art is only valuable after science has done its work, positioning art as secondary rather than considering how both might be essential in different ways. The metaphors ("cracking open your shell") are interesting but need more explanation to clearly connect to your main argument.

Exemplar: *While scientific advancement forms a crucial foundation for modern society, I must acknowledge the compelling argument that artistic expression completes our human experience. Medicine enables physical survival, but art enables emotional and psychological flourishing, nourishing our spirits and soothing our minds. Art functions as an essential component of holistic wellbeing, complementing the physical health that science provides. However, I maintain that scientific advancement creates the necessary conditions for artistic expression to flourish – we need the physical health and safety science provides before we can fully engage with artistic pursuits. Both elements serve vital but different functions in creating complete human lives.*

■ Your piece presents a strong case for prioritising scientific advancement, but would benefit from a more balanced exploration of both sides of the argument. You've created vivid images of medical scenarios that demonstrate science's life-saving power, which helps readers connect emotionally with your position. To improve the substance of your writing, try developing your counterargument more

fully before explaining why you still favour science. Also, consider widening your examples of scientific advancement beyond just medicine to strengthen your overall case. Your conclusion makes bold claims about science being "the string that ties us together," but doesn't fully explain this metaphor. Try connecting your conclusion more directly to the specific points you've made throughout your essay. Additionally, your third paragraph about space exploration and AI feels somewhat disconnected from your main argument about medicine, so you might want to create clearer transitions between these different scientific fields to show how they all contribute to your overall point.

Score: 45/50

Section 2:

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Similarly, they can give us information we were never aware of. We all know outer-space and the Solar System, and stars and the moon and sun. However, have you ever thought about how these things came to our minds? They didn't suddenly pop out from thin air; they were discovered by telescopes and rockets. If we did not focus on scientific advancement, it is possible that discoveries like these may never be known. Additionally, AI has become a prominent figure in our daily lives, and it was also created by science. This outlines the need for scientific advancement, as it can help us reach key milestones in terms of technological and information advancement.

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advancement, you won't make it long enough, let alone the final one. So even if artistic expression is powerful and essential in cracking open your shell to find you, it is no use without scientific advancement. #3

Ultimately, scientific advancement is the string that ties us together, the word that makes everything click into place, the lever that moves the very heart and traditions of our society. It is a necessity in our daily lives, and is what creates our whole world.