

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your piece effectively establishes the thesis in the introduction with clear, relatable examples. You've created vivid imagery of the contrasting scenarios to illustrate your point about scientific advancements versus artistic expression.

Weakness: Underdeveloped counterargument. → You briefly acknowledge artistic self-expression can "influence others on your points" but don't fully explore this perspective before dismissing it. For example, when you write "I respect that artistic self expression can influence others on your points," you quickly move on without examining how art has shaped societies throughout history.

Exemplar: *I respect that artistic self-expression can powerfully influence social movements and cultural change—consider how protest songs helped galvanise the civil rights movement—but scientific advancements offer even more profound benefits to humanity through their capacity to evolve human civilisation.*

#2 Strengths: Your second body paragraph presents concrete examples of scientific advancements like telescopes and rockets to support your argument. You connect these examples directly to educational benefits and everyday applications.

Weakness: Limited evidence depth. → Your examples about telescopes, rockets and AI would be more compelling with specific details about how they've changed lives. For instance, when you write "Through science, people now know about DNA, molecules, atoms," you could strengthen this by including how DNA knowledge has transformed medicine or criminal justice.

Exemplar: *Through science, people now understand DNA, which has revolutionised medicine by allowing doctors to identify genetic diseases before symptoms appear and develop personalised treatments that save countless lives each year.*

#3 Strengths: Your conclusion effectively reinforces your main arguments by summarising the key points about saving lives, increasing knowledge, and evolving civilisation. You maintain a confident tone throughout this section.

Weakness: Circular reasoning. → Your conclusion repeats similar phrases without adding new insights. For example, "scientific advancements are societally more valuable than artistic self expression as it can save lives" restates your earlier points without deepening the reader's understanding or addressing potential complexities in the comparison.

Exemplar: *While artistic expression enriches our cultural identity, scientific advancements fundamentally transform our capacity to survive and thrive—from developing vaccines that have*

eradicated deadly diseases to creating sustainable energy solutions that will preserve our planet for future generations.

■ Your persuasive essay shows strong conviction in your position about scientific advancements. To strengthen your argument, try adding specific examples with measurable impacts. For instance, instead of generally mentioning medicines saving lives, you could describe how antibiotics have saved millions of lives since their discovery. Also, consider giving more weight to the opposing view before refuting it. This shows readers you've thought carefully about both sides. Try including a paragraph that explores the strongest arguments for artistic self-expression before explaining why science still matters more. Your metaphors about meteors and disasters are attention-grabbing, but balancing them with factual examples would make your case stronger. Adding statistics or historical examples would help readers see the real-world significance of your points. Finally, try to vary your sentence structure to make your writing flow more smoothly.

Score: 42/50

Section 2:

In the 21st century, amidst the chaos and destruction, there are people there in need. And people in pain, suffering. ~~And people suffering from a disease or pain in their bodies can get help from medicines.~~ [People suffering from diseases or physical pain can receive treatment through medicines.] Medicines were discovered by science, and I am going to convince you that scientific advancement is more valuable to society than artistic self expression. Artistic self expression can influence people to agree on your point, but scientific advancements can save lives, increase knowledge and understanding, and help everyone in this world. Scientific advancements help doctors and scientists protect our planet from incoming destruction. Think about the scenario of if we didn't have scientific advancements – everyone standing up on stages, trying to convince people of different things. It is like elections all over again! And meanwhile, while we are either preparing speeches, talking on stage, or sitting in an audience, those meteors, pollution, climate change, and space impacts and disasters are working together to demolish our earth before our very eyes. Imagine hundreds of people in one auditorium, and then ~~a ten thousand kilometres away~~ [ten thousand kilometres away], meteors and asteroids are hurtling towards our earth, destroying acres of land. Then on the other side of the planet, floods and hurricanes are throwing each other out into chaos. And we don't have any scientific advancements or technology to help us. And then go back to the plus side where we have scientific advancements but not artistic self expression – people may not agree on things and get into arguments, yes, but we are all safe. There is not hundreds of people on the verge of death at the very moment. We will be, and are, safe with scientific advancements.

#1 To begin with, scientific advancements are way more valuable to society than artistic self expression as they can save lives. When your best friend has fallen over on a rock, medicines – made by scientific knowledge and advancements – they take can help them get better and stop any viruses or diseases ~~form~~ [from] developing or spreading through the body. When someone is in a horrendous accident or in abnormal pain, the power of science can help them. Science can make medicines and can help save people. As science advances, so does the helpfulness of medicines, and science saves lives. Scientific advancement is incontrovertibly more valuable to our amazing society than artistic self expression!

Likewise, scientific advancements can even increase knowledge and understanding! Ever heard of telescopes and rockets? They were created by science! And from that, we learnt all about the solar system and now in school you even have lessons on Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, and much, much more! There are even videos on them for you to learn! And ever since ~~when~~ telescopes ~~where~~ [were] born – by science – most people's knowledge has increased as they have learnt about space! Through science, people now know about DNA, molecules, atoms, animal languages, and something that has become really popular in today's world – Artificial Intelligence! Nowadays people in everyday jobs use a now-everyday thing – Artificial Intelligence of course! If we did not have scientific advancement and focused on artistic self expression, we would never ~~had~~ [have] experienced AI! We would not have the help of any of these machines, and we would basically be living in the 1800s!

#3 I respect that artistic self expression can influence others on your points, and it can sometimes be a world changer, but scientific advancements can evolve the human ~~civilization~~ [civilisation]! We have evolved from prehistoric humans to people waking up to a phone alarm, going to work, and experiencing robots that can walk and talk! And no matter how less anyone thought that is not possible, we can evolve more. We have learnt all about animals, the human body, space, and the natural reactions of our planet, and become a better ~~civilization~~ [civilisation] – all achieved by scientific advancements.

Ultimately, scientific advancements are societally more valuable than artistic self expression as it can save lives, increase knowledge and understanding, and make us a better and more evolved ~~civilization~~ [civilisation] as a whole.