Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

**Younger school children (ages five to ten) should be required to study art and music in addition to math, language, science, and history.**

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

In recent decades, numerous types of courses emerged from education range. Choosing courses relative to young children raised lots of consideration. Young students and their parents have their own opinion on this. Some render the support that young children should attend art, and music class in addition to compulsory education courses. However, others proposed that attending art（?）does not work out. **In my opinion, I highly favor the former suggestion** since it has lots of merits. Here comes my reasoning. 77  
  
**Firstly, studying art and music courses can enlarge children’s horizons and enrich their knowledge.** Students can inform some masterpieces after studying this course which can broaden their horizons and the range of their knowledge. For instance第一个例子, my little sister. She has been studying 缺主语since she was 7. When we go to the concert, she could tell the differences and characteristics between jazz and classical music with(at) ease. Also, she could readily tell the name of the paintings and the anecdotes of the painters. Plus, after knowing the principle of art and music, she could make her own paintings and melodious rhythm, which is fairly marvelous. 106  
  
**Secondly, young children can feel the beauty of nature and life**, having been exposed to art and music class. Every brush stroke in a masterpiece can convey the painters’ feelings and the wonderful world around them. In music, every note can take young children to their imagination which they have never experienced and they could fill their own story with every note. As long as they take the course by heart, they can appreciate the nature by understanding the purpose of making that masterpiece. 80   
  
At last but not least, art and music can fulfill young children’s lives in some degree. By learning art and misics, they can release their pressure and avoid being too vacuum in their life. Recently, education organizations have modulated the quantity of homework, young children should not stay at home playing video games instead of attending some art and music class since they have a massive amount of time. For instance, my little sister. She felt really tired after the whole day of class in the past. But, since she had attended art and music class at 7, she felt energetic now. Also, she is not easy being attracted by others in the class and better focus on her homework. This whole bunch of benefits should contribute to attending art and music class. 128  
  
In short, art and music class are not necessary for young children. However, I bet that if one attendsthese courses, they would feel fabulous for their advantages. All I said in this article is just a piece of the iceberg. Finally, I strongly commend your kids to art and music class to feel the magic. 55 (446 in total)

Score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 5

**Read the essay above and use the “Revision” to revise any problems or just highlight the problems.**

**Get ready for the Seminar part to share your thoughts on the essay.**

**You can use the following rubrics and questions to help you assess the essay.**

**Score 5: An essay at this level largely accomplishes all of the following:**

* Effectively **addresses the topic** and task
* Is well organized and well developed, using clearly **appropriate explanations, exemplifications and/ or details**
* Displays **unity, progression and coherence**
* Displays **consistent facility** in the use of **language**, demonstrating **syntactic variety,** appropriate **word choice** and **idiomaticity,** though it may have minor lexical or grammatical errors

**Read the sample and analyze it against the rubrics.**

1. The outline of the essay:

2. Find the **Thesis Statement**:

3. **Underline the topic sentences** and assess whether they are supportive of the thesis statement: Yes/No.

4. Answer the following questions, tick where it applies:

1) Does the essay **overall effectively address** the topic? **5 4 3 2 1**

2) Does the **introduction paragraph** effectively tell the reader its **purpose** of writing and engage in the audience with a **hook**? **5 4 3 2 1**

3) Does the **conclusion** effectively wrap up the essay with a restatement? **5 4 3 2 1**

4) Does the essay include appropriate **explanations and exemplifications and/ or details** in its body paragraphs? **5 4 3 2 1**

* + What are the ways of explanations and exemplifications used:
  + If yes, find them:
  + If not, which body paragraph:
  + How can you improve it?
  + Does the essay show diversity in reasoning methods? **YES/NO**

5)Does each paragraph display **unity, progression and coherence? 5 4 3 2 1**

6) Does the essay display **language variety** in terms of sentences, **word choice and idiomaticity**? **5 4 3 2 1**

List below all the language points(highlight) worth learning that your score at 5 or 4: