**TOPIC(125) ▶Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important for students to study history and literature than it is for them to study science and mathematics. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

It is a hot potato for the students who are interested in their future academic plans to argue whether studying natural science or liberal arts is more important. Students corresponding to each field are full of aggressiveness and a sense of rivalry to each other. In my opinion, studying subjects such as science and mathematics are more important due to their utilitarian in the future and the entire life, and the relevance with the surviving skills.

First of all, scientific and mathematic knowledge encompasses the surviving techniques. In other words, a person can learn useful surviving skills by studying science and mathematics. For instance, let’s pretend that there is a castaway who is shipwrecked on an uninhabited island. The guy must do anything helpful for its survival such as foraging for food and water in order to escape from the lonely island. If he is well-informed and well-educated with scientific background information, he would be aware that he can extract drinkable water by evaporation and condensation of the sea water. Likewise, he will also know how to remedy sever injuries occurring during the survival.

Second of all, scientific and mathematic skills are so important in the future that whether having them or not can determine one’s future life. According to a number of professional career advisors, over 80% of the future jobs will require fundamental scientific and mathematic knowledge. For example, to become a programmer, one of the most successful jobs in the future, people must be aware of the notion of the trigonometrical function, which is a rudimental concept of the high school math. In addition, having sufficient knowledge of science and math provides opportunity for people to contribute to the development of the human technology.

Moreover, studying science and math would be very helpful for the entire life. The utilization of the mathematics can be witnessed very commonly in the everyday lives. For instance, most parents use arithmetic calculations in order to calculate the amount of money for their need. Furthermore, they also improve the person’s trait, including the logical thinking skills and creativity.

In overall, I believe that it is a wiser choice to study science and math rather than the history and literature because it is helpful for the future and the entire life, or during survival. However, some governments, especially Korean, are promoting the integration of the both natural science and liberal arts. Therefore, I believe that all educational subjects are important no matter what the subject is and what does it contain.