

## Essay Samples for CK104 Entrance Test

- The famous conductor and pianist Daniel Barenboim said, "We need to take music out of the ivory tower - both for musicians and for the public. Otherwise, classical music will not survive the 21st century." Assuming his argument holds water, would it matter if classical music died out?
- The composer John Cage said, "The first question I ask myself when something doesn't seem to be beautiful is why do I think it's not beautiful. And very shortly you discover that there is no reason." Discuss with particular reference to music.
- Irish Traditional Music depends on harmonic accompaniment to appeal to unfamiliar listeners. Discuss.
- Pop is the musical equivalent of fast food: easy to consume but empty of anything substantial. Discuss.