Musical instruments (乐器)

1. Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?

① Yeah I actually learned to play the piano when I was a kid. In my family, learning to play the piano was something everybody did as they grew up. My mom knows how to play the piano, and so do my grandparents and my uncle. I took lessons for a few years but I'm not a <u>piano master by any means</u> (无论从哪个角度来说我都不是一个钢琴大师). I don't consider myself an expert. I mean, I can definitely <u>play a few tunes</u> (能谈几个调调), but that's all I've got nowadays (如今我的全部本事). Haha! (细节)

② Unfortunately I haven't learned to play any musical instruments. My parents didn't take to any music classes when I was a kid. And now, I'm too busy to pick up a musical hobby (太忙以至于没有时间捡起音乐爱好). But I have to say, I've always admired people who can play musical instruments, especially the violin, it's such a beautiful and expressive instrument. I wish I knew how to play the violin. Maybe I'll give it a shot (试一下) in the future when I have more time. (先抑后扬)

2. What musical instruments do you enjoy listening to the most?

①I love the piano. (Mabe because I know how to play it). It's is so <u>classic</u> <u>and timeless(经典又永恒)</u>. There's something <u>enchanting and soothing</u> <u>(迷人又安抚人心)</u> about it that really <u>draws me in(吸引我)(经典句型)</u>. It <u>blends so well with other instruments(和其他音乐很好融合)</u> and can adapt to various <u>musical genres(适应各种音乐种类)</u>, for example, jazz, classical, and even country music. It's really versatile(多面玲珑).(原因)

② Like I said, I love the violin. There's something so <u>expressive and soulful</u>
(充满表达和灵魂感) about it that can <u>evoke my emotions</u>(唤醒我的情绪)
each time when I listen to it (经典句型). It can sound <u>extremely upbeat</u>

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<u>(极其轻快欢乐)</u> and it can also sound <u>deeply sad(深度悲伤).</u> It's amazing how <u>versatile(多面玲珑)</u> it is. (原因)

3. Do you think children should learn to play a musical instrument at school?

<u>I'm all in for it (全力支持)</u> as there are so many benefits for children to learn music and musical instruments at school. <u>Number one</u>, it <u>introduces</u> <u>children to the world of music (介绍音乐世界)</u>, helping them learn and appreciate different music styles. <u>Number two</u>, it can increase their <u>handeye coordination skills (手眼协调能力)</u>, foster their patience and <u>concentration (提升耐心和专注力)</u>, and <u>boost their self-esteem (增加自我价</u> <u>值感)</u> as they progress in their musical skills. <u>Number three</u>, if they play in groups, it can also foster <u>the sense of teamwork (团队合作意识)</u>; and lastly, playing music is an incredibly effective <u>stress reliever (解压器)</u> for kids. So, I <u>root for it 100% (百分百支持)</u> (罗列)

4. Do you think music education is important to children?

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