

WRITE Institute Rubric for Problem Solution

A problem/solution essay provides sufficient information for the reader to understand the problem, and its causes and effects. If appropriate, the essay also points out the consequences of not solving the problem. The essay presents one or more solutions to the problem and addresses key arguments and counterarguments.

Scoring Range

Each category is worth 0-6 points.

0 = off topic/no evidence	4 = proficient
1 = minimal evidence of proficiency	5 = exceeding expectations
2 = some evidence of proficiency, but weak	6 = outstanding
3 = developing proficiency	

Directions: Total points and divide by 10 to yield a score of 0-6.

CONTENT & ORGANIZATION

- _____ The introduction includes a thesis that clearly identifies the problem and engages the reader.
- _____ The writer explains the causes and effects of the problem.
- _____ The writer addresses the consequences of failing to solve the problem.
- _____ The writer suggests one or more realistic and convincing solution (s).
- _____ The writer uses evidence and/or reasons to support the solution(s).
- _____ The writer proposes logical steps to carry out the solution (s).
- _____ The writer explores the pros and cons of the solution(s).
- _____ The conclusion restates the problem and its consequences and provides a rationale for why one solution is best.
- _____ The essay is organized logically.
- _____ The writer uses an appropriate level of conventions such as sentence structure, grammar and mechanics.

_____ **Total** (divided by 10) = _____ **Score**