**Essay Solution Ideas**

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| **Solution Ideas** | **How It Works** | **Assumes Cause of Problem is** | **Example** |
| Add something | Give more money, people, equipment, or stuff | Lack of resources | More teachers in schools, more money for fire department |
| Take something away | Remove source of problem | One thing or person causing problem | Fire bad teachers, get rid of poor textbooks |
| Educate | Give information about the problem and solution | People don't know what to do | Say No to Drugs campaign |
| Make laws or rules | Create a new law or rule, or reform existing rules | Current rules don't solve problem | School dress code revised to require uniforms |
| Enforce laws or rules | Provide a way to enforce or else provide more resources (like more police or money for regulators) to enforce existing rules or laws | Current rules are adequate but aren't enforced | School calls parents if students don't adhere to dress code |
| Change method or procedure | Change the way something is done or organized | Something isn't being done the right way | Change meeting time from Tuesday morning to Saturday to get more people to come |
| Motivate | Use advertising or emotional appeals to get people to do or not do something | People know what they should do, but don't do it | Anti-smoking ads |
| Build something new | Give new facilities or organization | More buildings or a new organization is needed because nothing currently existing will solve problem | Build a new football stadium to encourage fan support |
| Work out a compromise | Get opposing sides together to work out a mutual agreement | Problem is mostly lack of agreement | Trade agreement talks between countries |
| Adapt a solution that works | Take a solution that worked somewhere else and apply it to this problem | Current solution does not fit problem | Adding taxes on cigarettes decreases smoking, so put a tax on unhealthy snack foods |
| Change leadership | Get rid of current leadership and put someone new in charge | Leader is the problem | Fire college football coach |
| Change attitudes | Present information or incentives to change the way people feel about situation | Attitudes are causing problem | Parents give children money to do chores |

