

CAUSES, EFFECTS AND SOLUTIONS ESSAYS – PART 1

SOME USEFUL LANGUAGE:

To tackle/address/solve/find a solution to/cope with/mitigate/alleviate the **PROBLEM**

To resolve/find a resolution for the **ISSUE**

To overcome the **DIFFICULTY**

To remedy/to find a remedy for/improve for the **SITUATION**

Useful topic sentences to outline the CAUSES

This can be attributed to X and Y.

This can be explained by X and Y.

There are number of reasons why this is the case, including but not limited to X and Y.

The main reasons behind this are X and Y.

The driving factors behind this phenomenon are X and Y.

The drivers of this are X and Y.

A number of factors can account for this, including X and Y.

Useful topic sentences the EFFECTS:

There are far-reaching implications for society.

There are various social and political implications.

Different problems arise as a result of this situation/problem/issue.

Useful topic sentences the SOLUTIONS:

A number of steps can be taken to mitigate the issue.

A number of measures can be taken to alleviate the problem.

The situation can be changed for the better by doing X and Y.

The problem can be addressed in various ways.

There are various ways by which this problem can be mitigated.

The solutions would lie in doing X and Y.

Let's see some examples:

Today, many people do not know their neighbors.

Why is this? = causes

What can be done about this? = solutions

Cause 1: people have very busy lives

Cause 2: Inadequate urban organization

Solution1: Organize more social events

Solution2: Improve the way neighborhoods are organized

Solutions: 1) specific solution = we target the reason: Problem: a headache, Cause: lack of sleep: Solution = take a nap

2) general solution = target the problem regardless of the reason: Problem: a headache, Cause: lack of sleep. Solution: take some pills

Version 1: Many people today are unfamiliar with their neighbors. While there are a number of reasons for this, the situation can be improved in various ways.

Many people today are unfamiliar with their neighbors. While this can be attributed to **hectic lifestyles of people** and **inadequate urban organization**, the problem can be mitigated by organizing more social events and improving neighborhood infrastructure to facilitate socialization.

One factor contributing to a lack of relationships between neighbors is that people are too busy. Most people work from early morning to late night, which leaves little to no time to socialize with anyone, let alone neighbors. Even when people have some free time at weekends, they tend to spend it pursuing hobbies, meeting friends, or simply relaxing. **Poorly organized neighborhoods are another reason.** In many neighborhoods, there are limited opportunities to meet up new people due the lack of public spaces, such as parks, gardens, and playgrounds. Instead, we often see apartment blocks with fences around, which usually encourage people to stay indoors, preventing much needed socialization.

My bad results can be attributed to my laziness

My bad results are because of my laziness.

I attribute my bad results to my laziness

I'm too busy to talk to myself, **let alone others.**