

Monash University Foundation Year

Problem/Solution Task - Essay Questions

Task I: Working in a group of two or three, choose one of the essay questions below and answer the following questions (use the template on the next page):

- a. What is the situation? Why is it important?
- b. What is/are the problem/s associated with this situation? What are the causes and effects of this/these problem/s?
- c. What are some possible solutions to the problem/s?
- d. What do you think is the best solution? Evaluate the solutions and justify your choice.

Follow-up Questions:

- a. How would you narrow down the topic? How could you make it more specific?
- b. What evidence would you need to find to prove your point?

Task II: Be prepared to share your information with the class.

- 1. How can we help homeless people in our community?
- 2. How can we prevent social media bullying?
- 3. What is the best solution to preventing deaths from drunk driving?
- 4. How can we improve literacy?
- 5. How can we prevent children from being negatively influenced by violence and pornography in media such as video games, movies and the Internet?
- 6. How can schools help the problem of childhood obesity?
- 7. How can parents handle their child's cell phone and social media use appropriately?
- 8. How can parents teach their children about money management?
- 9. How should we encourage people to be better drivers?
- 10. How can parents encourage their children to be honest?
- 11. How can parents help their children have a correct body image and avoid eating disorders?
- 12. How can kids be best convinced not to experiment with drugs?



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| Situation (What information is the situation?) |
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| Problem/s (What is/are the problem/s? Causes and effects?) |
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| Solution/s (What is/are the solution/s?) |
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| Evaluation (What is the best solution? Why is it a better option than the other solutions?) |
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