Problem-Solution Fit Template

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Project Name	Streamlining Ticket Assignment For Efficient Support Operations
Maximum Marks	2 Marks

1. Problem Statement

Core Problem:

Service teams currently spend roughly 30% of their effort manually reviewing and reassigning tickets in ServiceNow. This leads to slower initial response times, uneven distribution of work across teams, and frequent SLA breaches.

Evidence:

Current Situation: Nearly 40% of tickets still depend on manual assignment, leading to an average allocation delay of around 15 minutes.

Business Impact: This delay contributes to roughly $150K per year in SLA breach penalties. Customer Satisfaction has declined to 3.8/5, and support agent burnout has increased by 25%.

Key Causes:

- Routing decisions rely only on basic category-based logic.
- No mapping between ticket needs and agent skills or live workload data.
- Absence of intelligent, automated, or predictive assignment mechanisms.

2. Target User & Persona

Primary User: Tier 1 & 2 Support Agents
Persona Name: Jordan Reyes

- **Role:** Incident & Service Request Resolver
- **Pain Points:**
  - Receives irrelevant tickets → rework/escalation.
  - Queue overload during peaks → stress.
  - No visibility into "best fit" assignee.

- **Goals:**
  - Get skill-matched tickets instantly.
  - Maintain balanced workload.
  - Meet SLAs without manual effort.

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3. Proposed Solution

Solution Name: Smart Assignment Engine
Core Features (ServiceNow-Native):

1. **Dynamic Assignment Rules** – Auto-route by category, priority, location, and caller VIP status.
2. **Skill-Based Matching** – Map tickets to agents using custom fields in `sys_user` (e.g., `u_skills`, `u_certifications`).
3. **Predictive Routing** – Use ServiceNow Predictive Intelligence to suggest optimal assignee based on historical resolution patterns.
4. **Workload Balancer** – Real-time queue monitoring; auto-reassign if agent backlog > threshold.
5. **Analytics Dashboard** – Track auto-assignment rate, latency, and agent utilization via Performance Analytics.

MVP Scope: Features 1, 2, and 5 (OOB/low-code). AI (3) and Balancer (4) in Phase 2.

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4. Value Proposition

For Support Agents	For Managers	For Business
Save 2+ hours/day on triage	Real-time visibility into team performance	Reduce SLA breaches by 60%
Receive relevant, solvable tickets	Balance workloads automatically	Cut operational costs by $100K/year
Reduce stress & burnout	Data-driven staffing decisions	Improve CSAT to 4.3+/5

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5. Problem-Solution Fit Validation

Hypothesis

> "If we automate ticket assignment using ServiceNow's Assignment Rules, skill mapping, and Predictive Intelligence, then >80% of tickets will be auto-routed correctly within 5 minutes, reducing manual effort and improving SLA compliance."

Validation Method

Method	Description	Success Metric
Agent Interviews (10)	Validate pain points & desired workflow	80% confirm manual triage as top issue
Prototype Demo	Show dynamic rule + skill match in sandbox	90% rate usability >4/5
Pilot (2 Groups, 1 Week)	Enable auto-assignment for 500 tickets	Auto-rate >75%; Assignment time <6 min
Feedback Survey	Post-pilot NPS from agents	NPS >50

6. Fit Scorecard

Fit Criterion	Current	Target	Achieved in MVP?	Notes
Problem Frequency	Daily (all agents)	Daily	Yes	Manual triage = constant pain
Problem Intensity	High (SLA risk, burnout)	Low	Yes (Pilot)	60% reduction in escalations
Solution Feasibility	Low-code/OOB	Full custom	Yes	90% using ServiceNow native tools
User Adoption Risk	Medium	Low	Yes	Agents want automation
Business Alignment	Partial	Full	Yes	Direct ROI via SLA & CSAT

Overall Fit: STRONG – Clear problem, proven tools, high user need, measurable ROI.

7. Risks & Mitigations

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
Inaccurate skill data	Medium	High	Audit & update `sys_user` skills quarterly
AI model drift	Low	Medium	Retrain Predictive Intelligence monthly
Agent resistance to change	Medium	Medium	Include agents in rule design; run training
Instance performance	Low	High	Load test with JMeter (done - passed)

8. Go/No-Go Decision

Recommendation: GO

- Problem validated with data and user input.
- Solution leverages 90% OOB ServiceNow features.
- Pilot success + strong ROI justifies investment.