

ULAB 2122 Advanced Academic English Skills

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Outline for Problem Solution Paper

INTRODUCTION #1 (Paragraph 1)

PURPOSE: To introduce the background of the problem/issue

- Get the reader's attention (a 'hook': *startling statistic/fact, an anecdote, famous quote, rhetorical question*)

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- Describe the current situation that relates to the problem

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*Citation (statistics/statements)

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- State the thesis (What you are going to write; mention the problem and solution in general)

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INTRODUCTION #2 @ Present Problem (Paragraph 2)

PURPOSE: To describe the problem thoroughly

- What caused the problem?

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*Citation (statistics/statements) – *if applicable*

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ii).....
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*Citation (statistics/statements) – *if applicable*

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- Who are affected or could be affected by the problem?

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*Citation (statistics/statements) – *if applicable*

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INTRODUCTION #3 @ Present Problem (Paragraph 3)

PURPOSE: To describe the problem thoroughly

➤ Why is it important to solve the problem?

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*Citation (statistics/statements) – *if applicable*

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PRESENT SOLUTION #1 (Paragraph 4)

PURPOSE: Propose the FIRST solution

- State the solution

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- Describe how it can be done
Who should take action? :

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How? :

i).....

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ii).....

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*Citation (statistics/statements) – *if applicable*

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- Evaluate your proposed solution:
 - Pro's –state one

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*Citation (statistics/statements) – *if applicable*

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- Con's – state one

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*Citation (statistics/statements) – *if applicable*

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PRESENT SOLUTION #2 (Paragraph 5)

PURPOSE: Propose the SECOND solution

- State the solution

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- Describe how it can be done
Who should take action? :

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How? :

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**Citation (statistics/statements) – if applicable*

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- Evaluate your proposed solution:

- Pro's –state one

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**Citation (statistics/statements) – if applicable*

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- Con's – state one

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**Citation (statistics/statements) – if applicable*

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PRESENT SOLUTION #3 (Paragraph 6)

PURPOSE: Propose the THIRD solution

- State the solution

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- Describe how it can be done
Who should take action? :

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How? :

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**Citation (statistics/statements) – if applicable*

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- Evaluate your proposed solution:

- Pro's –state one

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**Citation (statistics/statements) – if applicable*

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- Con's – state one

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**Citation (statistics/statements) – if applicable*

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CONCLUSION (Paragraph 7)

PURPOSE: Remind readers of the problem and proposed solutions

- Remind the readers why is it important to solve the problem

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- Restate the actions than should be taken (based on your proposed solutions)

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- Call for action: Tell your readers what they should do now

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