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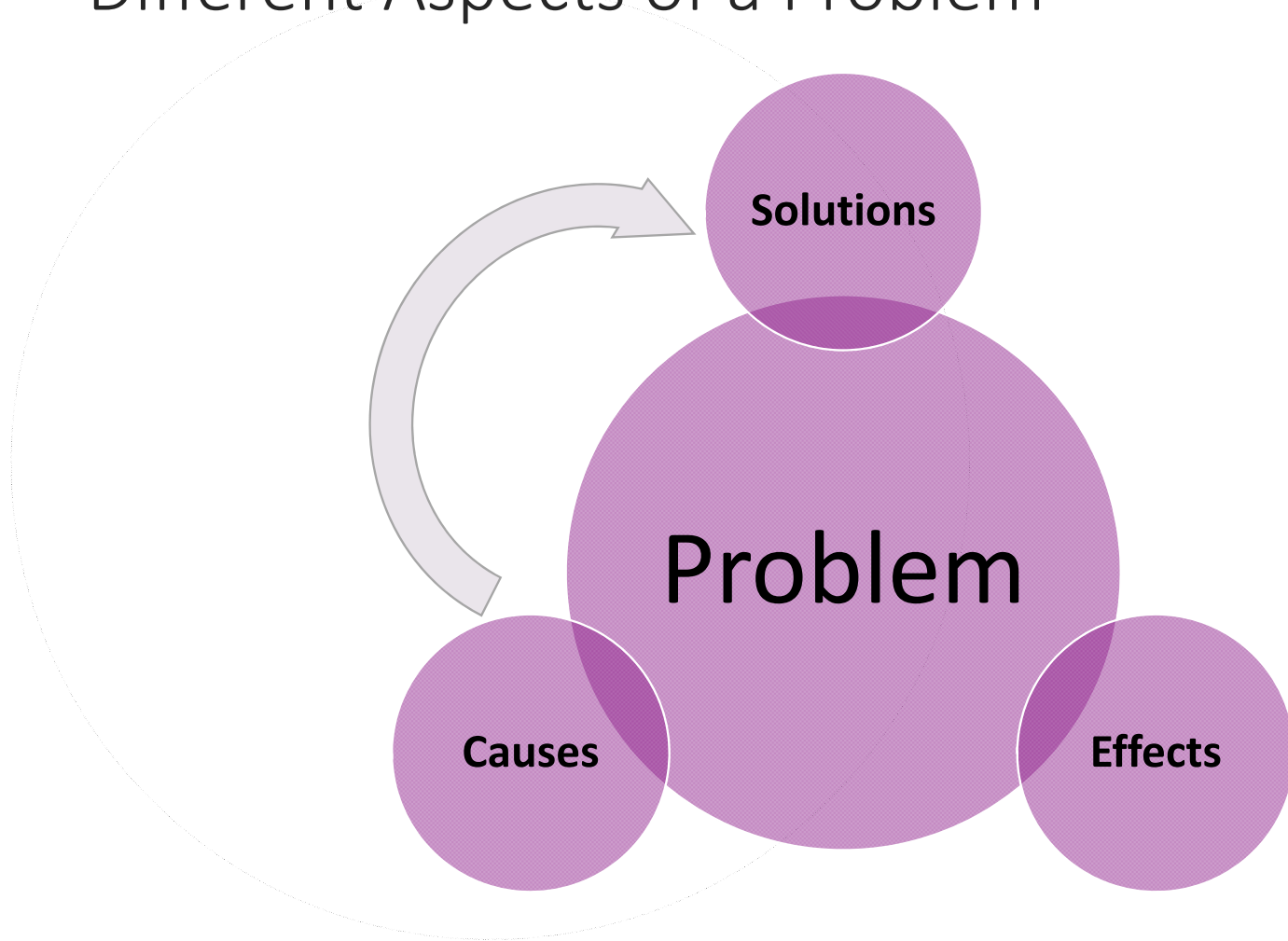
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Lecture 5 Outstanding Structures for Task2 Questions
Type 4 (Problem-Solving Essays)

Different Aspects of a Problem



Sample Question

Our cities are noisier than ever before. **Why is this so, and what can be done about it?**

These days, it seems that an increasing number of people are leaving rural areas to live in the city. **Discuss some of the effects of this migration from the country to the city and suggest some ways in which this trend could be reversed.**

Some findings have revealed that cities around the world are growing large. **Outline the possible causes and predict consequences?**

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Heavily urbanized regions are said to suffer from noise pollution more than any other time in the history of mankind.

Although there are specific root causes behind this environmental concern, effective policies can be adopted to remedy the situation.

There are two main reasons why cities tend to be noisy these days. **Firstly**, there is more population density in such areas. In other words, a growing number of people are attracted to urban areas where life is facilitated by countless amenities. As a direct result, cities become vibrant places teeming with people whose daily activities contribute to this modern life problem. A good illustration of such activities is daily commutes; car horns and engine noises are known to be major sources of this pollution. **Secondly**, since cities keep burgeoning, there are numerous construction projects going on. More specifically, all the pounding and banging noises produced by construction workers aggravate the situation.

There are, however, some workable solutions to help city dwellers cope with this new phenomenon. One step would be improving insulation in newly built apartments, particularly the ones that are located in close proximity to congested highways. For instance, property developers should make sure that all windows are double-glazed so that no external sound can permeate through the glass. **Another viable alternative is to** raise people's awareness about the gravity of this matter and strongly advise them to lead quieter and more peaceful lifestyles. This could directly affect the TV volume in households, leading to a more relaxing atmosphere.

To conclude, cities are afflicted by noise pollution because of many reasons, the most important of which is overpopulation. In spite of all the contributing factors, proper insulation implemented by the construction industry can reduce the severity of this issue considerably.

All over the world, societies are facing a growing problem with obesity. This problem affects both children and adults. **What are the reasons for this rise in obesity, How could it be tackled?**

Nations worldwide are dealing with the increasing issue of obesity. This is a cause for concern for all age groups. **There are two main causes, over-consumption of fast food and lack of exercise. Possible solutions would be a government tax on fast food and special incentives for gym membership to get people exercising.**

One of the reasons that people are becoming overweight these days is that they are eating more junk food, ready meals and convenience food rather than cooking healthy meals at home. This is because many people tend to lead a busy life. After a long day at work, it is easier to just buy ready meals in the supermarket or get a takeaway. For instance, In the UK sales of these types of foods have risen considerably since 1990, this is due to busy people seeing cooking at home as time-consuming. **To tackle this issue** the government should take steps to increase tax on high fat, high sugar or unhealthy foods. Therefore, consumers would think twice about the foods they consume which could lead to them losing weight.

Another problem that needs to be considered is lack of exercise. As a result of leading a hectic life with pressures at work, many people are just too tired to go to the gym or join a sports club. For example, after a hard day at work, most people prefer to just come home and sit in front of the TV. Furthermore, when people have time off they tend to relax rather than go to a gym. **One possible solution is for employers to consider** the health and well-being of their employees and offer in-house company gyms or special incentives, such as discounts to join sports or fitness clubs. If this is implemented it would have a positive effect on peoples health and a reduction in weight gain.

In conclusion, being overweight is an increasing issue because of consumption of fast food, convenience foods and not enough exercise due to work commitments. The government needs to look at taxing fast food and companies should set up incentives for gyms, sports or fitness clubs.

These days, it seems that an increasing number of people are leaving rural areas to live in the city. **Discuss some of the effects of this migration from the country to the city and suggest some ways in which this trend could be reversed.**

Immigration from the countryside to urban areas continues to proliferate nowadays. **Although this phenomenon is believed to have certain negative effects on city life, authorities can come forward with viable solutions to address the situation effectively.**

On the flip side, the damaging impacts of this great influx should be noted. Firstly, the more people relocate to cities, the more adversely urban infrastructures are affected. To put it differently, roads and streets, which have to accommodate countless numbers of people, will be afflicted by the uncontrollable upsurge in city dwellers. Take traffic congestions as the most patently obvious example; teeming with cars and motorcycles, highways and motorways become impassable at times. **Secondly, food and water supplies are likely to be severely depleted in these regions** as there will be more unmet demands. This can be even further aggravated considering that there will be fewer and fewer farmers or stockbreeders to help feed the population.

Having said that, however, prohibitive regulations can be enforced to make sure that the negative aspects are kept at bay. To begin with, government officials are expected to improve the basic amenities in suburbia. That is, if countrymen are provided with the essential facilities that ensure a comfortable life, they will be highly unlikely to immigrate. For instance, new and well-equipped hospitals not only create numerous job opportunities for the young but also satisfy people's medical needs. **Moreover, small businesses including farming and stockbreeding** which are mostly located in the suburbs or countryside should receive government funding. Therefore, they can flourish, making considerable profits without having to undergo relocation.

In conclusion, owing to the fact that manifold aspects of urban life are negatively affected by the recent surge in the number of immigrants, governments need to curb the tide by implementing the right policies. That is, tremendous financial support is needed to tackle the problem.

Some findings have revealed that cities around the world are growing large.
Outline the possible causes and predict consequences?

There is mounting evidence indicating that urban sprawl is on the rise worldwide. This new phenomenon is attributed to a number of causative factors, but the resulting issues are evident as well.

As regards the root causes, there are two which should be taken into consideration. Firstly, urban areas nowadays have to accommodate an ever increasing number of people flocking to these parts in search of a better life. More specifically, a massive influx of immigrants gravitate towards cities in hopes of more ideal living conditions. For instance, job seekers are more likely to find a broad scope of professional possibilities in a city compared with the suburbs or the countryside. Additionally, since the majority of businesses are located in heavily urbanized regions, the workforce has no choice but to seek accommodation in the vicinity of the workplace. This in turn results in more and more construction to meet the growing demand.

On the other hand, the irremediable problems brought about by this unmanageable growth should be highlighted as well. First and foremost, environmental cost is a major concern in these densely populated areas. That is, the higher the number of citizens and vehicles in a particular city, the greater chances of emitting immense amounts of pollutants into the atmosphere. Take the unimaginable volume of carbon dioxide emissions released by thousands of daily commuters and countless factories; there will eventually take their toll on the environment. Moreover, as cities continue to develop, more and more villages and suburbs fall into ruin, abandoned by all their former residents. As a result, in the foreseeable future we will witness an uneven distribution of population all around the world.

To conclude, the main contributing factor behind urban sprawls is the arrival of more and more immigrants seeking better employment and the biggest problem caused by this trend is concerned with an irreparable damage to the environment.

Writing Task NINE

In most countries, young people form a large proportion of those who are unemployed.

Why this is the case, and what can be done to solve the problem? (250 Words)

Writing Task TEN

21. Shrink: **to become or to make something smaller in amount, size, or value.**

کوچک کردن یا کوچک شدن

۲۱. مردم احتمالاً باور دارند که پیرشدن یک جامعه منجر به رشد کندتر جمعیت و **کوچک شدن** نیروی کار می شود.

22. Desperate: **needing or wanting something very much**

ناچار، نیازمند

۲۲. با کاهش یافتن تعداد افراد جوان، سازمانها سخت تر می توانند از گروه متداول فارغ التحصیلان استخدام کنند. برای روبه رویی با این مشکل، تعداد رو به افزایشی از بخش ها و شرکت ها در حال حاضر **ناچارند** کارکنان پیر و باتجربه خود را نگه دارند.

23. The backbone of something: **the most important part of an organization or group of people.**

پشتوانه چیزی بودن

۲۳. . سالمندان وقتی سلامت و پرانرژی هستند، **پشتوانه** خدمات داوطلبانه می باشند.

Writing Task TEN

24. Company: **when you are with other people and not alone.**

همراهی

۲۴. سالمندان میتوانند از **همراهی** هم سن های خود در یک خانه سالمندان لذت ببرند اما در همین حین، از فقدان یک زندگی خانوادگی رنج ببرند. با زندگی کردن دور از خانواده، افراد پیر بیشتر در معرض احساس تنهایی هستند.

25. Shoulder the responsibility/cost/burden: **to accept a difficult or unpleasant responsibility, duty etc synonym bear.**

تقبل کردن/به دوش کشیدن مسئولیت/هزینه/بار چیزی

۲۵. اعضای پیرتر (سالمندان) قادرند بیشتر **مسئولیت های** خانواده را پس از بازنشستگی به دوش بگیرند.

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