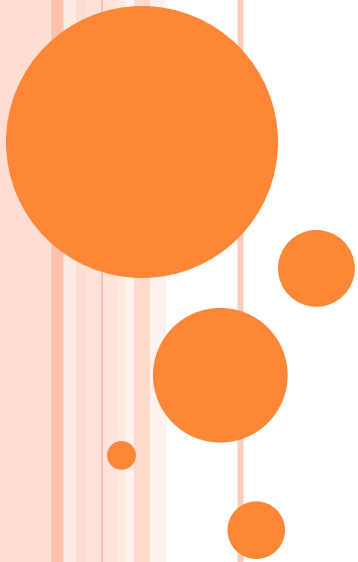


# PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY



# ANALYZING THE QUESTION

? Overpopulation of urban areas has **led to** numerous **problems**.

? Identify one or two serious ones and suggest **ways** that governments and individuals can **tackle these problems**.

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? Nowadays many people have access to computers on a wide basis and a large number of children play computer games.

? What are the **negative impacts** of playing computer games and what can be done to minimize the **bad effects**?

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? The internet has transformed the way information is shared and consumed, but it has also **created problems** that did not exist before.

? What are the most serious **problems** associated with the internet and what **solutions** can you suggest?

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? In the developed world, average life expectancy is increasing.

? What **problems** will this cause for individuals and society?

? Suggest some **measures** that could be taken to reduce the impact of ageing populations.

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# STRUCTURE

## **1 Introduction**

- ? Sentence 1- Paraphrase question
- ? Sentence 2- Outline sentence (say what you will discuss in the rest of the essay)

## **2 Problem**

- ? Sentence 3- State problem
- ? Sentence 4- Explain what problem is
- ? Sentence 5- What is the result of this problem
- ? Sentence 6- Example



### **3 Solution**

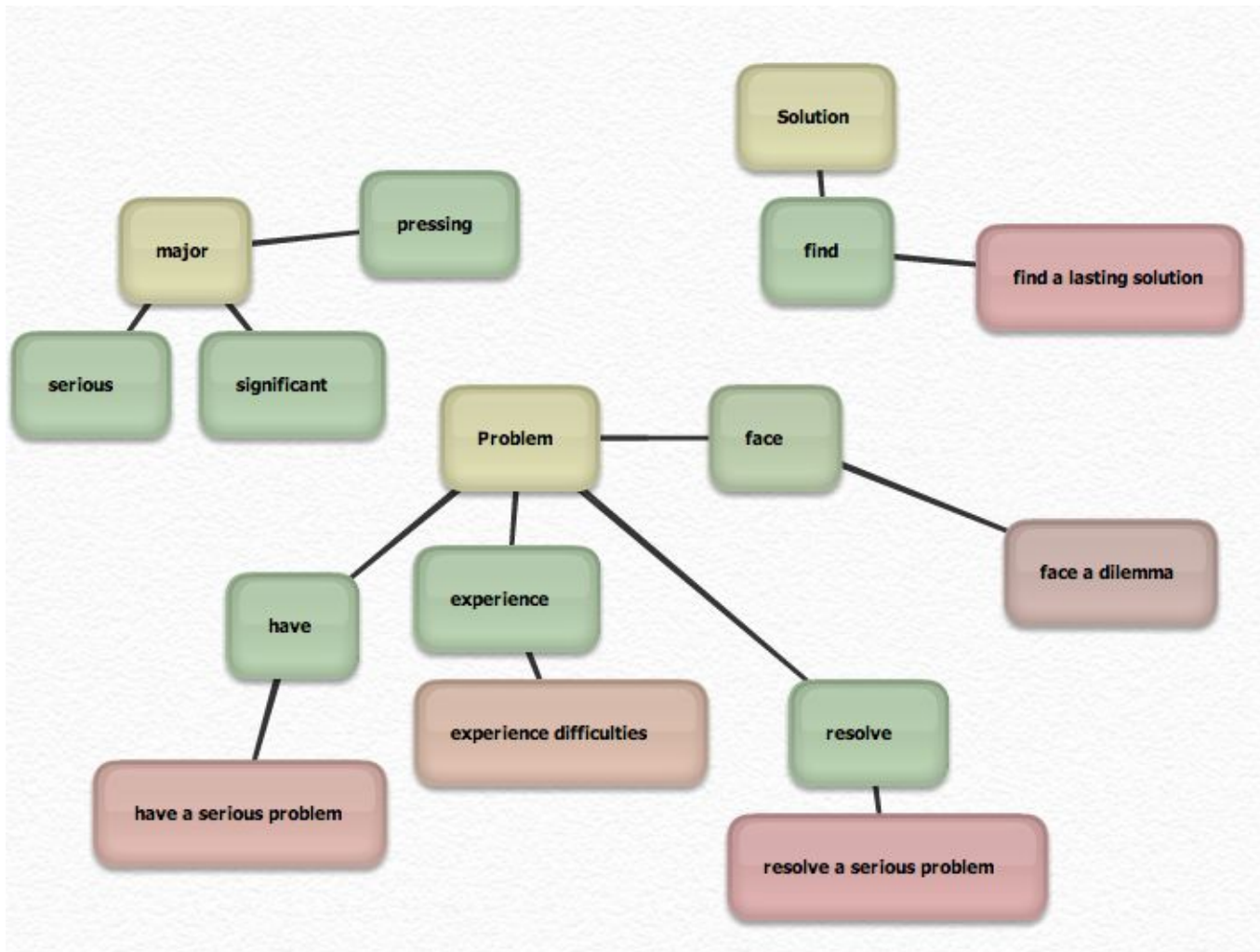
- ? Sentence 7- State solution
- ? Sentence 8- Explain how solution will solve problem
- ? Sentence 9- Example

### **4 Conclusion**

- ? Sentence 10- Summary of main points in paragraphs 2 and 3
- ? Sentence 11- Prediction or recommendation



# VOCABULARY



# WHAT WORDS DO YOU NEED?

This will depend on your target band score but you will need variety in these areas:

- ? nouns: eg, problem, difficulty, concern, issue
- ? adjectives: eg, serious, major, minor, significant, insignificant
- ? verbs: eg, have, experience, deal with, tackle, solve, resolve

If you are aiming for band **7 or above**, you will also need to be able to use these words accurately in word combinations (collocations) and it will help to learn some idiomatic phrases such as:

- ? be a headache for
- ? address a problem
- ? face a problem/tackle a problem



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