

Solutions

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

- a summary says what the passage contains; a line of reasoning says how each part makes the next possible

2.2

- some claims can only be made once another is accepted; e.g. a remedy can only be argued after a problem is established

2.3

(a)

- affordability and fairness are only worth arguing if the policy is needed

(b)

- they will treat the rest as irrelevant

3.1 B

- it states a dependency between claims

3.2 B

- it signals a point being granted

3.3

(a)

- the concession disarms the objection just before the claim it would weaken

(b)

- an objection answered in advance cannot interrupt the strongest claim, so the reader meets it already satisfied

3.4

- *Row A — Thesis (1)*. A defensible claim about **the arrangement**, not the topic. **Earns it:** “By tracing the rule’s original justifications before naming its costs, the writer makes the reader retire the rule rather than reject it — the argument is structured as a concession that runs out.” **Does not:** “The writer argues that visiting hours should be abolished” — that is her claim, not an analysis of her reasoning. *Row B — Evidence and Commentary (0–4)*. The evidence here is the **sequence of moves**, and the commentary must explain what each move earns. A 4-point response identifies the reasoning: history establishes that the rule was designed for reasons, not prejudice, so dismantling it is not an attack on the people who made it; the point-by-point retirement of each danger transfers the burden of proof to the defender of the rule; only then, with the ground cleared, does she introduce cost; and the closing

personal sentence is placed **last** precisely so it reads as evidence of stakes rather than as the motive for the argument. Responses that list the paragraphs in order without saying what each accomplishes cap at 2. *Row C — Sophistication (1)*. Awarded for handling the tension in the structure — for example, that the essay’s most persuasive moment is also its least argued, and that its placement after the reasoning is what protects it from the charge of sentimentality. The point is for sustained complexity, not for one observation