

Solutions

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

2.1

- it names the condition under which the claim holds, so the reader knows what is claimed and what would refute it

2.2

- ask what case it excludes; if none, the qualification has emptied it

2.3

(a)

- “may possibly” and “certain places” exclude nothing, so nothing is claimed

(b)

- a definite qualified claim, e.g. “Congestion charging reduces peak traffic where an alternative route exists, and raises hardship where it does not”

3.1 B

- central conditions define the claim itself

3.2 B

- a claim that excludes nothing asserts nothing

3.3

(a)

- a definite claim with a working limiting clause

(b)

- a stated condition or case that would show the claim false

3.4

- *Row A — Thesis (1)*. The point requires a qualification that **still commits**. **Earns it:** “Platforms should be liable for the content their systems actively promote, but not for content they merely host — because recommendation is an editorial act and storage is not.” **Does not:** “Both sides make good points and the answer lies somewhere in the middle” — a hedge with no ground of decision is not a qualified thesis, and it forfeits Row A. *Row B — Evidence and Commentary (0–4)*. A qualified argument must do **two** jobs and be marked on both: establish the position inside the limit, and justify the limit itself. Four points requires evidence for each. The most common 3-point response argues the position well and asserts the boundary without defending it. Strong responses treat the exception as the argument’s most contestable part and defend it hardest. *Row C — Sophistication (1)*. Earned by making the qualification do genuine work — for example, showing that the distinction between hosting and

promoting is not merely convenient but tracks the thing the law is trying to reach, and acknowledging the hard case (a platform whose ranking is automated and unexamined) rather than avoiding it. A qualification introduced only to appear balanced does not earn the point