Peer Review Problem/Solution Essay Analysis

Look for:

**Statement of Problem**
Is it clear?
Is it obvious?
Is it a thesis for the problem section?

**Statement of Solution**
Is it clear?
Is it obvious?
Is it a thesis for the solution section?

**Points of support for Problem**
How many, what order, where are the controlling ideas

**Points of support for Solution**
How many, what order, where are controlling ideas

**Transitions**
Where do they occur; how do they relate point to point, and point to thesis; do they vary or are they to rote and templated?

**Closures for Paragraphs**
Does each paragraph close before the author transfers the reader to the next point of support?
Does each closure relate directly to the idea expressed in the Summary Sentence (the paragraph’s topic sentence)?

**Closures for Sections**
Does each section (Problem section and Solution section) close strongly with a clear statement of the point of that section?

**Documentation**
Check very carefully for all types of in-text citations.
Check the Works Cited page for correctness of information, sequence, punctuation, flying indentation, sequences—everything.

**Logic**
Check for holes in the arguments
Check for use of fallacies
Check for rational thought rather than emotion, or “bandwagoning”

Now look for the “framing” of the essay.

Look for that *funnel* introduction that leads to a true thesis statement that has as its subject matter the category the problem (and solution) fit.

Then look for the end frame—that last paragraph that pulls the problem and solution together and circles the readers mind back to the beginning idea—that bigger, umbrella category of issue.