

## The Social Impact

### Problem/Solution Essay: Sample Student Response

#### Sample 2

In a state of nature there are no laws or rules to protect you from harm. Since people feel free to do what they please, most people would feel insecure. Philosophers call the solution to this problem a social compact. It takes a little bit of your freedom to give you security. For example, we U.S. citizens have a social compact that protects you, your house, and personal items. Our government secures you and if you have things stolen from you, the government has punishments for breaking the laws.

#### 3-point Scoring Rubric

3	The response identifies the problem and solution with an accurate and relevant example.
2	The response identifies the problem and solution with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no example.
1	The response identifies problem or solution with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no example.
0	Inaccurate response

The student identified the problem as, "In a state of nature there are no laws or rules to protect you from harm. Since people feel free to do what they please, most people would feel insecure." The student continues to express the solution to the problem by stating, "Philosophers call the solution to this problem a social compact. It takes a little bit of your freedom to give you security." Finally, his example explains that in the United States we have laws to protect people's private property.