

## **Solution to analysis 1.**

**The solution below is broken into an explanation and an argument, though this was not required. It is, however, important to see that the reasons given in support of the objection are not causes, but evidence.**

Everyone knows that old people are bad for the economy, but are they bad for the environment, too? After all, most old people don't seem to care too much about the environment: they crank their air conditioning and heating to whatever level suits and they think that global warming is a hoax. So here is a surprising fact: crotchety old geezers are easier on the environment than their environmentally correct offspring. How can that be? The reason is actually pretty simple: old people, because they are retired, tend to have less money than younger working people. People with less money buy fewer things and, as a result, cause less energy to be used. Even the ones that do have money tend to spend less of it than they did when they were younger because they just don't have the youthful energy required to consume. So even if old people don't seem to care much about the environment, they still live in a way that does less damage to it.

