Which has a greater effect on the survival of polar bears—climate change or over-hunting?

**Thesis:** Climate change has a greater effect on polar bear survival than does over-hunting.

I. **Polar bear survival is threatened**
   A. There used to be $X$ # of polar bears
   B. Now there are $Y$ # of polar bears
   C. $X > Y$
   D. This is a trend that appears not to be reversible (downward trend toward extinction)

II. **Climate change has an effect on polar bear survival**
   A. Climate change is affecting habitat
      1. Ice is a major element in polar bear habitat
         i. This is a test
      2. Ice in the arctic is melting due to climate change
      3. Loss of habitat is killing polar bears
   B. Climate change is affecting their food source

III. **Over-hunting has an effect on polar bear survival**

IV. C.C.'s effects are greater
What was the primary reason the Paleo-Indians left the Hecatacian area (Haida Gwaii)—exhausting natural resources or rising sea levels?

**Thesis:** The primary reason the Paleo-Indians left the Hecatacian area (Haida Gwaii) was rising sea levels.

*What do you have to prove, to prove this thesis? What are the key parts of this thesis?*

I. **They left**
   A. They were there in the first place
   B. They’re not there now

II. **Exhaustion of natural resources** is one possible explanation for why they left
   A. There were resources to exhaust in the first place
   B. The resources were exhausted or may have been exhausted
   C. This could explain why they left
   D. This explanation is not sufficient to explain why they left

III. **Sea level rise** is another possible explanation for why they left.
   A. Sea level was rising during the period that the Paleo-Indians left the area.
   B. Sea level rise caused X, Y, Z
   C. This could explain why they left
   D. This explanation is sufficient to explain why they left