

### ESSAY QUESTIONS – KEY WORDS

<b>Key Word</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Apply a principle	Show how a principle works through an example
Comment	Discuss briefly
Compare	Emphasize similarities, but also present differences
Contrast	Give differences only
Criticize	Give your judgment of good point and limitations, using evidence
Define	Give meanings but no details
Demonstrate	Show or prove an opinion, evaluation, or judgment
Describe	State the particulars in detail
Diagram	Show a drawing with labels
Differentiate	Show how two things are different
Discuss	Give reasons pro and con, with details
Distinguish	Show main differences between two things
Enumerate	List the points
Evaluate	Discuss advantages and disadvantages with your opinion
Explain	Give reasons for happenings or situations
Give cause and effect	Describe the steps that lead to an event or a situation
Give an example	Give a concrete example from the textbook or from experience
Identify	List and describe
Illustrate	Give an example
Interpret	State the meaning in simpler terms, using your judgment
Justify	Prove or give reasons
List	List without details
Outline	Make a short summary with headings and subheadings
Prove	Give evidence and reasons
Relate	Show how things interconnect
Review	Show main points or events in summary form
Show	List your evidence in order of time, importance, logic...
Solve	Come up with a solution based on given facts or your knowledge
State	List main points briefly without details
Summarize	Organize and bring together the main points only
Support	Back up a statement with facts and proof
Trace	Give main points from beginning to end of an event