

Know Your Exam Command Words

		Command	Definition
Shorter answers	One or two sentences	Identify/select	Carefully choose as being the best or most suitable
		Suggest	Present a possible case, reason or idea
		Estimate	Give an approximate value
		Calculate	Work out the value of something
	One or two paragraphs	Summarise	Give a brief statement of the main points
		Evaluate	Judge or assess the significance, worth, or quality of something
Longer / Developed answers	Several paragraphs	Explain	Describe something in detail and give reasons for it. (How/why?)
		Describe	Give a detailed account
		Examine	Look at, consider or investigate something in detail
		Analyse	Examine something methodically and in detail , typically in order to explain and interpret it.
		Compare	Explain the similarities and differences between 2 or more things
		Discuss	Write about a topic in detail , taking into account different issues, ideas or viewpoints
		Persuade	Provide arguments or reasons to convince someone to accept a point of view or to undertake a course of action

