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Command Words

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Introduction

Command words are the words and phrases used in the exams that tell students how they should answer the question. The following command words list contains words and their meanings that are relevant to this subject:

Analyse

Break down a concept, theory or situation to examine and show an understanding of relationships, by providing logical chains of reasoning.

Assess

Consider the relative merits of various arguments and weigh them up to come to a conclusion, supported by economic analysis and evidence.

Calculate

Work out the value of something.

Define

Specify the precise meaning of an economic term or concept.

Discuss

Present both sides of an argument and come to a conclusion that is supported by economic analysis and evidence.

Draw

Produce a diagram.

Evaluate

Consider the relative merits of various arguments and weigh them up to come to a conclusion, supported by economic analysis and evidence.

Explain

Give reasons, supported by logical chains of reasoning.

Identify

State key features or points of comparison between variables.

Justify

Give reasons for the stated point of view, supported by sound economic analysis and evidence.

To what extent...

Examine reasons for and against a point of view and use economic analysis and evidence to form a judgement concerning the degree to which it is valid.

With the help of a diagram, explain...

Draw a diagram as part of the answer and use it to support logical chains of reasoning