

# OxfordAQA

## International GCSE

### Pakistan studies (9236)

## Command words

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# Introduction

Command words are the words and phrases used in exams and other assessment tasks 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 reasons, issues or ideas to identify and interpret the individual components and make connections, where appropriate.

## Assess

Make an informed judgement to determine the relevant significance of something.

## Complete

Finish a task by adding to given information.

## Define

Specify meaning.

## Describe

Set out key points, features, characteristics or steps in a process.

## Evaluate

Give reasoned arguments for and against a statement supported by reasons and reference to sources of authority related to the question.

## Give

Produce an answer from recall or from given information.

## Identify

Name, select, or recognise one or more pieces of information.

## Explain

Set out purposes or reasons.

## Explain how

Give a detailed account of a process or concept.

## Explain why

Give a detailed account of reasons in relation to a particular process, concept or issue.

## Name

Provide a suitable piece of information.

## State

Express clearly and briefly.

## Suggest

Present a possible reason for how or why something might take place.