

# Key Essay Words

<b>Analyse:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- break up into parts</li><li>- examine methodically and in detail</li></ul>
<b>Compare:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- look for similarities <b>and</b> differences, but with the emphasis on similarities</li></ul>
<b>Contrast:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- highlight the differences between</li></ul>
<b>Define:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- give the meaning of</li><li>- describe the subject matter or nature of</li></ul>
<b>Describe:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- give a detailed account of: including characteristics, qualities or events</li></ul>
<b>Differentiate:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- show the differences between</li></ul>
<b>Distinguish:</b>	similar meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- recognise or indicate the distinctive features, attributes, or traits</li></ul>
<b>Discuss:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- give reasons for and against</li><li>- also examine the implications</li><li>- investigate, sift and debate</li></ul>
<b>Elaborate:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- explain in minute detail</li><li>- give account of</li><li>- work out in detail</li></ul>
<b>Enumerate:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- give the main features or general principles of a subject</li><li>- mention them one by one</li></ul>
<b>Evaluate:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- give your opinion or judgement</li></ul>
<b>Criticise:</b>	similar meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- back your opinion or judgement by evidence or reasoning</li></ul>
<b>Examine:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- inspect in detail</li><li>- investigate thoroughly</li></ul>
<b>Explain:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- make clear by describing in more detail</li><li>- reveal the relevant facts or ideas of the subject</li></ul>
<b>Explore:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- examine thoroughly and discuss in detail</li><li>- consider a variety of viewpoints</li></ul>
<b>Illustrate:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- show the meaning of</li></ul>
<b>Interpret:</b>	similar meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- make clear by using examples, charts, drawings etc</li></ul>
<b>Justify:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- show adequate grounds for decisions or conclusions</li><li>- prove right the main objections likely to be made</li></ul>
<b>Narrative:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- a written account of connected events</li></ul>
<b>Outline:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- give a general plan showing the essential features but not the minor details</li></ul>
<b>List:</b>	similar meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- show a number of connected items</li></ul>
<b>Prove:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- demonstrate to be true by evidence or argument</li></ul>
<b>Relate:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- give an account of a sequence of events and how they affect each other</li></ul>
<b>State:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- specify and present in a brief, clear form of writing</li></ul>
<b>Summarise:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- give a brief statement of the main points of something</li></ul>
<b>Review:</b>	similar meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- omit minor details and examples</li></ul>
<b>Substantiate:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- provide evidence to support or prove the truth</li></ul>
<b>Trace:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- follow the development or history of a topic from some point of origin</li></ul>