

## Understanding Key Words in ICS Exam Questions

Key Word	Skills you need to demonstrate
Define	Identify the central qualities of something and determine its meaning.
Describe	Use detail and examples to outline the key characteristics.
Illustrate	Clarify a concept or issue by providing clear explanations and relevant examples. A visual illustration is typically not required.
Explain	Offer detailed explanation to make a concept or issue clear. Analyze the information and interpret its significance.
Compare and contrast	Identify the similarities and differences between two objects, issues or concepts.
Apply	Demonstrate the relevance of a theory by applying it to a specific example, illustrating how the concept can be put into practice.
Advantages and Disadvantages	Analyze the potential outcomes, both positive and negative.
Analyze	Break down an abstract concept into its key elements and features, and critically evaluate their implications and potential outcomes.
Examine	Investigate and analyze an issue or concept in detail, considering all relevant aspects.
Identify	Recognize and outline the main characteristics of an issue, object, or concept.
Discuss	Consider and explore a topic by presenting reasoned arguments and different viewpoints.
Predict	Analyze multiple variables to forecast a probable result.
Comment	Analyze multiple variables to estimate a likely outcome.
Assess	Evaluate the effects, results, or causes of something.
Consider	Thoughtfully review an event or piece of information to inform the development of a potential solution.
Differentiate	Identify the distinctive features and characteristics of an issue, concept, or object, and explain how it differs from others.