

UNDERSTANDING WPE QUESTION VOCABULARY

1. Analyze- Break something down into the parts that make it up
2. Compare- Find the resemblances and differences between qualities and characteristics of two or more items.
3. Contrast- Examine associated items by explaining differences and dissimilarities
4. Criticize- Express your judgment in evaluating the worth accuracy, or significance of the topics presented.
5. Define- Give brief clear meanings for words or concepts. If necessary, differentiate them from related items and set them in an appropriate context using parallel grammar in the definitions.
6. Describe- Discuss the topic in accurate and fine detailing giving facts not opinions.
7. Discuss- Analyze a topic carefully by presenting the background, significance, and pros and cons. Back each statement with as much detail as possible.
8. Enumerate- Make a list of topics focusing on what, who, where, or when.
9. Evaluate- Rate or weight the significance of the topic, appraising it and giving both pros and cons on the basis of expert sources and your own opinion.
10. Explain- Answer the questions how and why about a given topic.
11. Illustrate- Explain a concept with a drawing, graph, diagram, or written specific examples.
12. Interpret- Similar to explain, but with an emphasis on presenting examples and judgments.
13. Justify- Present arguments or sound explanations for statements or events.
14. List- As with enumeration, itemize answers concisely.
15. Outline- Organize your answer so that the subtopic or backup information is listed concisely under appropriate main-topic heads.
16. Relate- Show the connections or associations between or among the topics given.
17. Review- Enumerate and analyze, with some discussion, the major points of a topic presented.
18. State- Present the main points relating to the given topic clearly and briefly.
19. Summarize- Condense the main points, facts or themes relating to a given topic.
20. Trace- Describe the development, progress, ,or sequence from the original point to the point asked for.