Key Words

Throughout the assessment, key words are used to identify the type of response required from you. The key words are explained below. Refer to these explanations to make sure you are responding fully to each question.

Compare:

Tell what is the same and what is different.

Describe:

Use words to create a mental picture for the reader.

Determine:

Use mathematics to find a solution to the problem.

List:

Use point form.

Explain:

Use words and symbols to make your solution clear.

Justify:

Give reasons and evidence to show your answer is correct.

Show your work:

Record all calculations and all the steps you went through to get your answer. You may use words, numbers, graphs, diagrams, symbols and/or charts.