**LANGUAGE USED IN EXAM QUESTIONS**

**Here are some of the words you may find in your exam questions, with an explanation of their meaning**

**IDENTIFYING words**

·         **LIST** - Write an numbered series of concise statements

·         **ENUMERATE** - Write in a list or outline form, making points concisely one by one

·         **DESCRIBE** - Recount, characterize, sketch, tell in a story form.

·         **DEFINE**-Give clear, concise, meanings.

·         **STATE** - Present main points in brief, clear sequence, usually leaving out minor details and examples.

·         **SUMMARISE** - Give the main points or facts in condensed form.

·         **DIAGRAMME** - Give a graphic answer, a drawing, a chart, a plan.

**EXPLAINING words**

·         **DISCUSS** - Consider various points of view, analyze carefully, and give reasons for and against

·         **ANALYSE** -Summarize fully, with details.

·         **EXPLAIN** - Clarify, interpret, give reasons for differences of opinion or of results, analyze causes.

·         **ILLUSTRATE** - Use a word picture, diagram, or particular example to clarify a point.

·         **OUTLINE** - Organize a description based on main points and sub-headings.

·         **TRACE** - Describe the development of the subject.

**COMPARING words**

·         **COMPARE**- Look for qualities or characteristics that resemble each other. Stress the similarities.

·         **CONTRAST** - Stress the differences.

·         **RELATE** - Show how ideas are connected to each other.

**ARGUING words**

·         **PROVE** - Establish the truth of a statement by giving factual evidence with reasons

·         **JUSTIFY** - Show strong reasons for decisions or conclusions; use convincing arguments based on evidence

·         Related words: **AGREE, DISAGREE, DEBATE, DEFEND**

**ASSESSING words**

·         **CRITICIZE** - Express your judgment about the truth or usefulness of the views or facts mentioned in the question.

·         **EVALUATE** - Appraise, give your viewpoint, give advantages and disadvantages, include the opinion of authorities, give evidence to support your position.

·         **INTERPRET** - Translate, give examples or comment on a topic, usually including your own viewpoint.

·         **REVIEW** - Examine a subject critically, analyzing and commenting on it.

·         Related words: **INTERPRET, RECOMMEND**