**IB command terms glossary**

**Level 1**
Define
Give the precise meaning of a word, phrase, concept or quantity.

Describe
Give a detailed account.

Outline
Give a brief account or summary.

State
Give a specific name, value or other answer without explanation.

**Level 2**
Analyse
Break down in order to bring out the essential elements or structure.

Apply
Use and idea or theory in relation to a given problem or issue.

Distinguish
Make clear differences between two concepts or items.

Explain
Give a detailed account including reasons or causes.

**Level 3**
Compare
Give a detailed account of similarities between items, referring to all of them throughout.

Contrast
Give a detailed account of differences between items, referring to all of them throughout.

Discuss
Offer a considered and balanced review that includes a range of arguments, factors or hypotheses. Opinions or conclusions should be presented clearly and supported by evidence.

Evaluate
Make an appraisal by weighing up the strengths and limitations.

Examine
Consider and argument or concept in a way that uncovers the assumptions and interrelationships of an issue.

To what extent
Consider the merits of otherwise of an argument or concept. Opinions and conclusions should be presented clearly and supported with appropriate evidence and sound argument.

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