

## PRACTICE KEY WORDS IN ESSAY QUESTIONS

Some of the key words most frequently used in essay examination questions are defined on the handout filled “Key Words in Essay Questions”. Check your knowledge of their meanings and consider others. Read each of the explanations below. On the blank, write the term the professor should use in phrasing his or her question.

1. In a naval history course the professor wants the students to think over the functions and responsibilities of the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army to bring out the points of difference. Which terms should she use to phrase her question? \_\_\_\_\_
2. The professor mentions an island in the possession of the enemy in wartime. She proposes a plan for retaking it. If she wants the students to express their judgements on the merits of the plan, what term should she use in her question? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When and where did our Navy have its beginning? What has been the general history of development? The professor wants the students to follow the course of its progress. What term should she use?  
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4. Which term should she use if she wants a concrete example of amphibious strategy in ancient naval history? \_\_\_\_\_
5. In an art course the professor has discussed the experimental work of Cézanne, Van Gogh, Gauguin, and others. On a written examination he wants the students to pick out the main points of the discussion and bring them together in a concise, overall statement. What term should he use in his question?  
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6. In a physics class the professor wants the students to make clear the nature of the symmetry in the vibrations of light waves. How does it operate? Which term should she use in her question?  
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7. In an economics class the professor has lectured on high and low tariffs. On an examination he wants the students to think over the topic and consider it from various points of view. He wants them to present different sides of the issue, Which term should he use? \_\_\_\_\_
8. In a speech course the professor has assigned a term paper and has told the students how to proceed in collecting the data. On a quiz he wants them to give the steps briefly one after another, Which term should he use? \_\_\_\_\_
9. In a geology class, the professor has used television to show how cross-breeding is a common feature of sandstones. On a quiz he wants to be sure the students know-with some preciseness the meaning of the term crossbreeding. What terms should he use in his question? \_\_\_\_\_
10. A history professor wants his students to consider the ways in which the early French, Spanish, and English settlements in this country were alike and the ways in which they were different. What term should he use in his question? \_\_\_\_\_

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