

Understanding essay titles task

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Question 1

Match the direction word(s) with their meaning. Choose from words below and type your answer in the box next to the appropriate meaning.

Compare and contrast	Account for	Define
Analyse	Discuss	Evaluate
Assess	Outline	Trace

Provide satisfactory reasons for	
Look at carefully	
Give the main features and organisation of	
Examine critically	
Present similarities and differences	
Explain the meaning of	
Consider all sides of an issue	
Show the path of development	
Decide on the value of something	

Question 2

Identify the topic/content, limiting/focus and direction words in the following essay titles.

To what extent do prison sentences act as a deterrent to reoffending?

Topic/content word(s)	
Limiting/focus word(s)	
Direction word(s)	

Assess the role of the probation service in rehabilitating offenders.

Topic/content word(s)	
Limiting/focus word(s)	
Direction word(s)	

Outline the differences between the criminal justice systems in England and the USA.

Topic/content word(s)	
Limiting/focus word(s)	
Direction word(s)	