

# Rutgers Learning Centers

At Camden Campus

## ESSAY EXAMS - KEY WORDS

<u>KEY WORDS</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>	<u>INFORMATION TO INCLUDE</u>
<i>DISCUSS</i>	Discuss test-taking skills	Consider important characteristics and main points
<i>ILLUSTRATE</i>	State Boyle's law and illustrate its use	Explain using examples to clarify point
<i>COMPARE</i>	Compare Catholicism and Judaism	Show similarities AND differences; include examples
<i>DEFINE</i>	Define thermal pollution and include several examples	Give meaning of the term with detail to show you understand it
<i>EXPLAIN</i>	Explain why African-Americans are primarily city dwellers	Give facts and details that make idea or concept clear and understandable
<i>TRACE</i>	Trace the history of legalized prostitution in Nevada	Describe the events in a logical or chronological order
<i>EVALUATE</i>	Evaluate the strategies our society has used to treat mental illness	Discuss merits, strengths, weakness, advantages, or limitations of the topic; present your own conclusion
<i>SUMMARIZE</i>	Summarize the presidency of Nixon	Cover major points in brief form; use a sentence and paragraph form
<i>DESCRIBE</i>	Describe the parts and function of a cell	Tell how something looks or happens, including how, who, where and why
<i>JUSTIFY</i>	Justify former President Carter's attempt to rescue the hostages in Iran	Give reasons that support an action, event, or policy
<i>CRITICIZE</i>	Criticize the current environmental controls to combat air pollution	Make judgments about quality, worth; state positive and negative aspects
<i>PROVE</i>	Prove that ice is a better cooling agent than water when both are at the same temperature	Demonstrate or establish that concept or theory is correct, logical, or valid

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