**Algebraically** Using mathematical procedures that involve letters or

symbols to represent numbers

**Analyze** To make a mathematical, chemical, or methodical

examination of parts to determine the nature, proportion,

function, interrelationship, etc. of the whole

**Compare** Examine the character or qualities of two things by providing

characteristics of both that point out their similarities and

differences

**Conclude** State a logical end based on reasoning and/or evidence

**Contrast/Distinguish** Point out the *differences* between two things that have

similar or comparable natures

**Criticize** Point out the *demerits* of an item or issue

**Define** Provide the essential qualities or meaning of a word or

concept; make distinct and clear by marking out the limits

**Describe** Give a written account or represent the characteristics of

something by a figure, model, or picture

**Design/Plan** Construct a plan; i.e, a detailed sequence of actions for a

specific purpose

**Determine** Find a solution, to a specified degree of accuracy, to a

problem by showing appropriate formulas, procedures, and

calculations

Enumerate Specify one by one or list in concise form and according to

some order

**Evaluate** Give the significance or worth of something by identifying

the good and bad points or the advantages and

disadvantages

**Explain** Make clear what is not immediately obvious or entirely

known; give the cause of or reason for; make known in detail

**Graphically** Using a drawing that is produced electronically or by hand

and that shows a relation between certain sets of numbers

**How** Show in what manner or way, with what meaning

**Hypothesize** Form a tentative proposition intended as a possible

explanation for an observed phenomenon; i.e., a possible cause for a specific effect. The proposition should be

testable logically and/or empirically

**Identify** Recognize and select as having the characteristics of

something

**Illustrate** Make clear by giving an example. The form of the example

must be specified in the question; i.e., word description,

sketch, or diagram

Infer Form a generalization from sample data; arrive at a

conclusion by reasoning from evidence

**Interpret** Tell the meaning of something; present information in a new

form that adds meaning to the original data

**Justify/Show How** Show reasons for or give facts that support a position

**Model** Find a model (in mathematics, a model of a situation is a

pattern that is supposed to represent or set a standard for a

real situation) that does a good job of representing a

situation

**Outline** Give, in an organized fashion, the essential parts of

something. The form of the outline must be specified in the

question; i.e., list, flow chart, concept map

**Predict** Tell in advance on the basis of empirical evidence and/or

logic

**Prove** Establish the truth or validity of a statement for the general

case by giving factual evidence or logical argument

**Relate** Show logical or causal connection between things

**Sketch** Provide a drawing that represents the key features of an

object or graph

**Solve** Give a solution for a problem; i.e., explanation in words

and/or numbers

**Summarize** Give a brief account of the main points

**Trace** Give a step-by-step description of the development

**Verify** Establish, by substitution for a particular case or by

geometric comparison, the truth of a statement

Why Show the cause, reason, or purpose