

TOPIC WORKSHEET 10 OF 10

VOCABULARY & COMMAND WORDS

All strands - preparation for Section B and Short Answers

Syllabus focus - Achievement indicators:

Students will be able to: understand the command words used in examinations (state, list, define, describe, explain, discuss); and use Social Science vocabulary correctly.

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Aligned to the NEW 2026 strand-based exam format (4 compulsory strands - 26/22/26/26 marks).

TASK 1 - Command words: match to what they ask you to do

Command word	What it wants
State / Name	a short reason, two or more sentences, with an example
List	a one-line fact
Define	give the meaning of a term
Describe	write down points one after another
Explain / Discuss	give details of what something is like

TASK 2 - Glossary: write the meaning of each key term

Term	Meaning
Sustainability	_____
Interdependence	_____
Contemporary measures	_____
Traditional knowledge	_____
Apartheid	_____
Globalisation	_____
Budgeting	_____
Epidemic / Pandemic	_____
Topography	_____
Colonisation	_____

TASK 3 - Improve these weak answers

Q: Explain one way climate change affects people. Weak answer: "it is bad".

Better answer: _____

ANSWER KEY - WORKSHEET 10

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- Task 1: State/Name = a one-line fact; List = points one after another; Define = give the meaning; Describe = give details of what it is like; Explain/Discuss = short reason, 2+ sentences with an example.
- Sustainability - using resources so they last for the future. Interdependence - relying on each other to reach a goal. Contemporary measures - new technology and rules against pollution. Traditional knowledge - practices passed down generations. Apartheid - racial separation laws in old South Africa. Globalisation - world interchange of views, goods, ideas, culture. Budgeting - planning income and spending. Epidemic - disease spreading quickly in one area; pandemic - across the world. Topography - the shape of the land. Colonisation - settling to control another area.
- Task 3: e.g. "Climate change brings longer droughts, so farmers lose crops and food prices rise, making life harder for families."