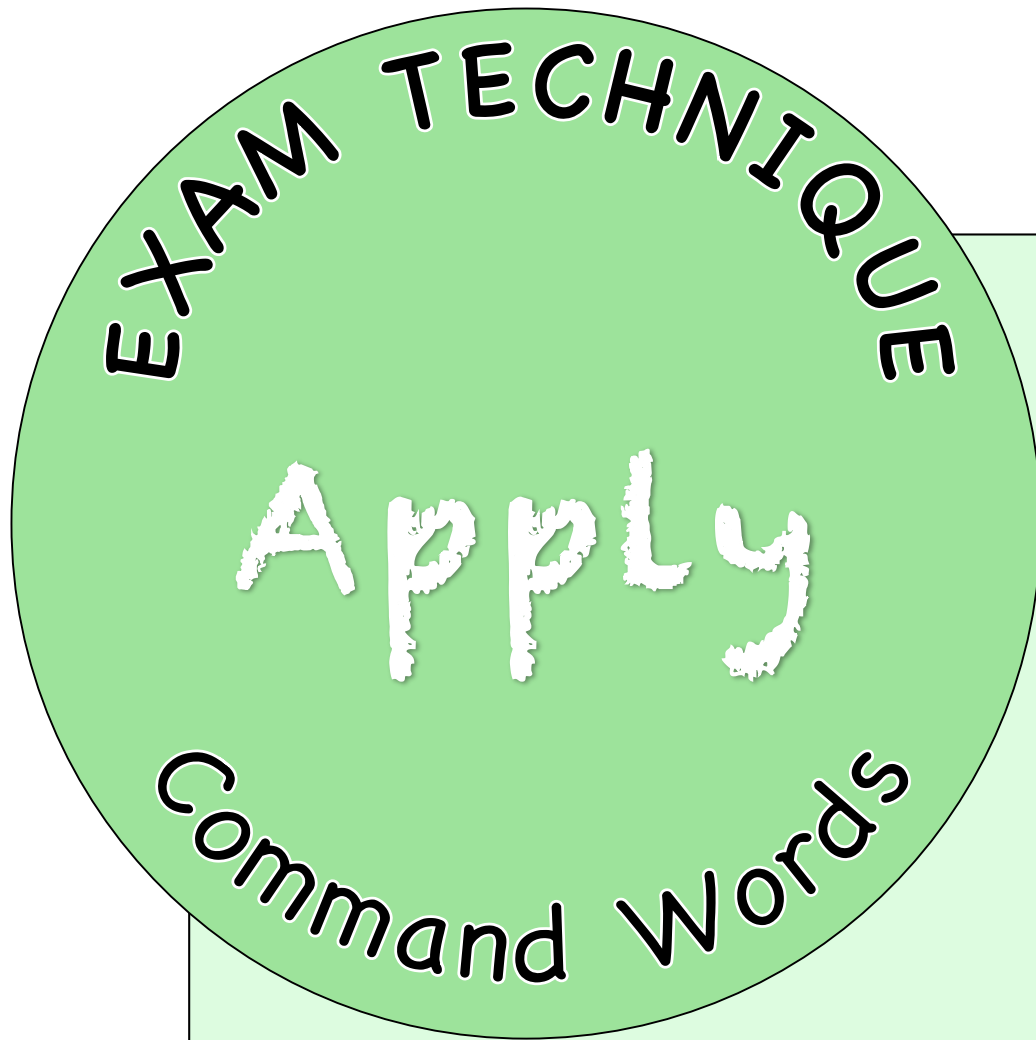


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You might be asked to **apply** what you know about a topic to a practical situation.

For example: "Apply your understanding of alloys to explain why pure copper is malleable".

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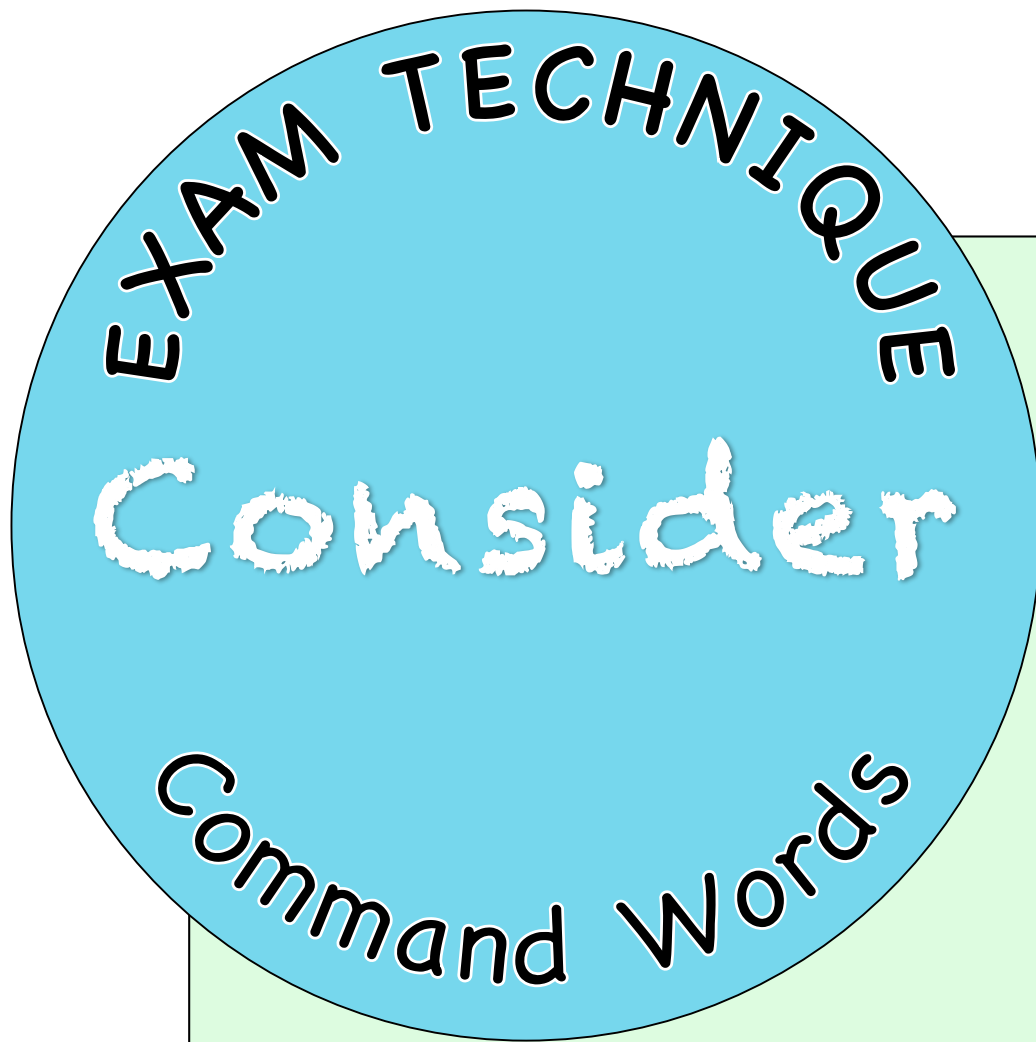
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Compare how two things are similar or different. Make sure you include both of the things

you are being asked to compare.

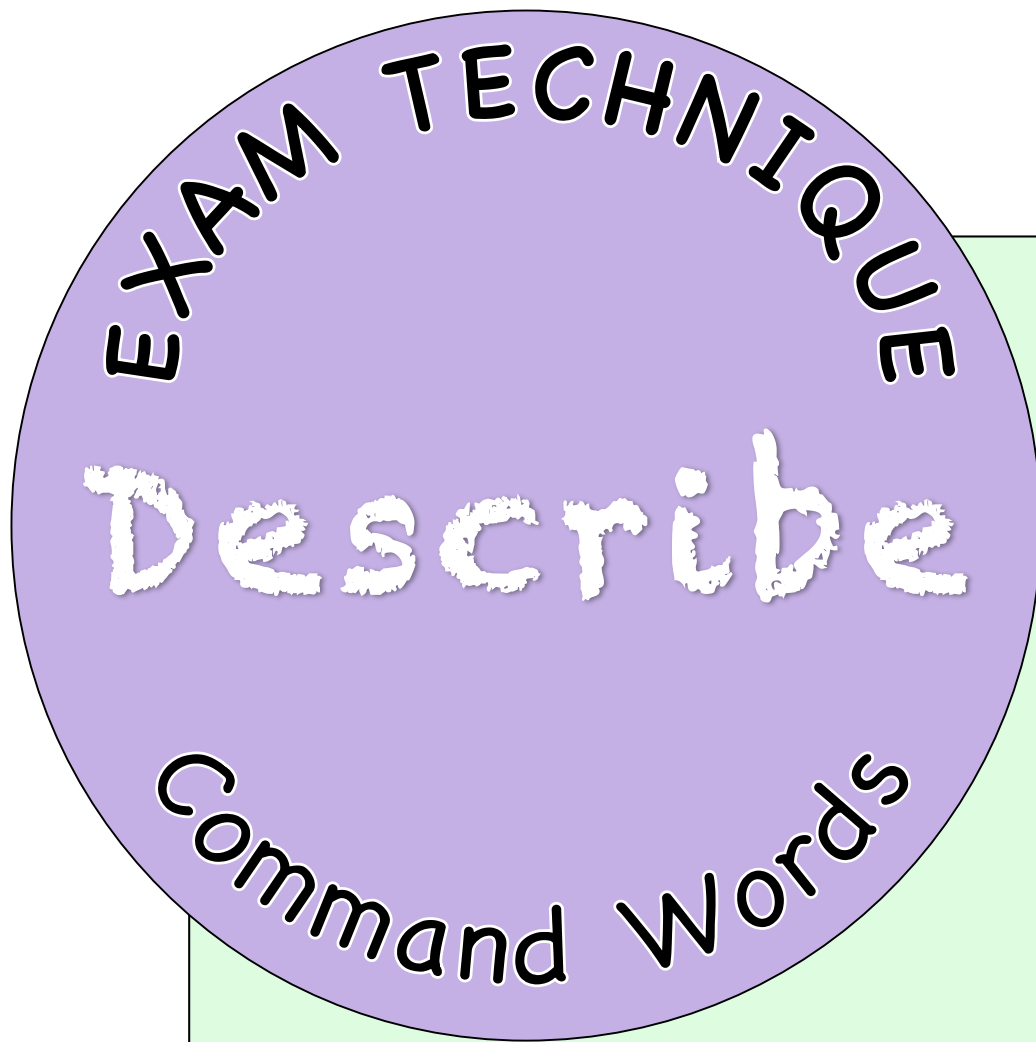
For example: "Compare the properties of S- and P-waves".



You will be given some information and you will be asked to **consider** all the factors

that might influence a decision.

For example: "Consider the impact on society of this new technology".



Describe is to recall some facts, events or processes in an accurate way.

You may need to link together pieces of information in a logical order.

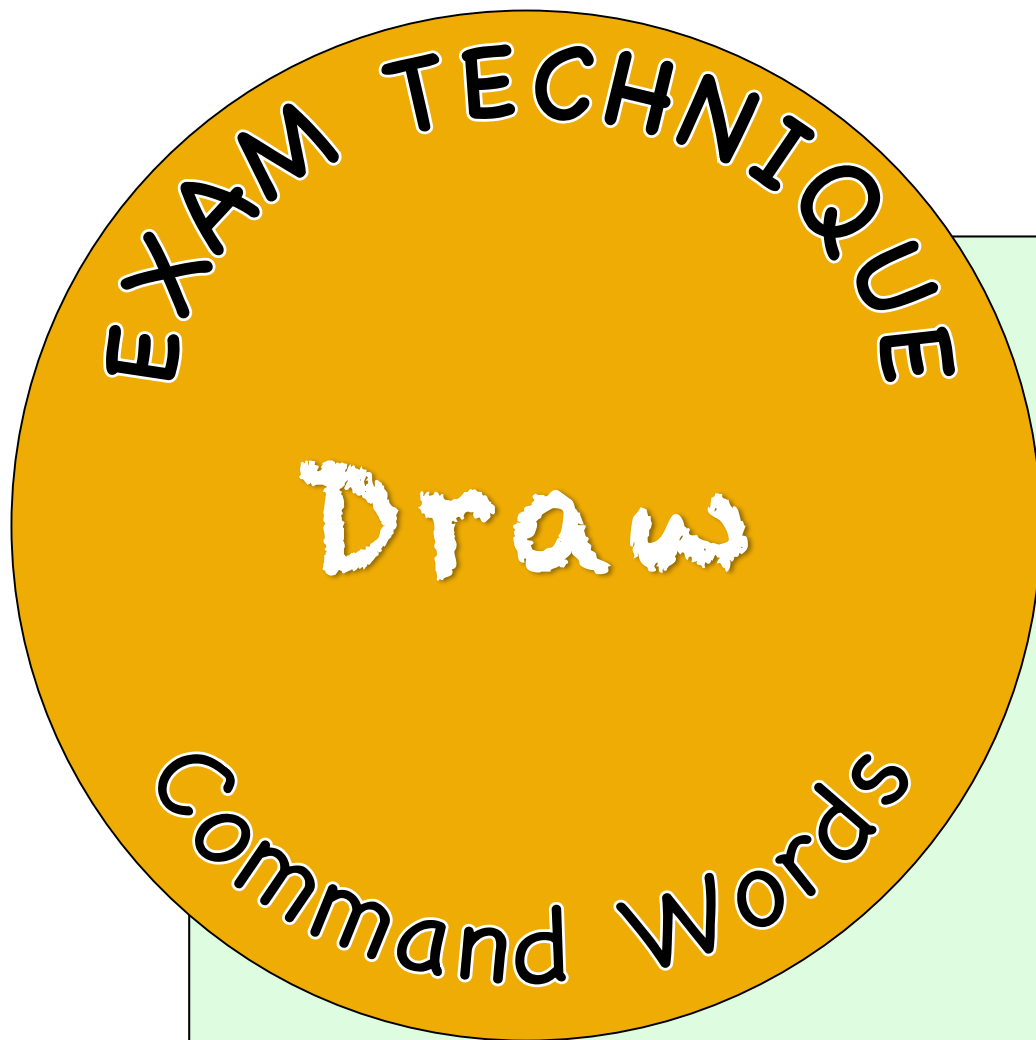
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Discuss

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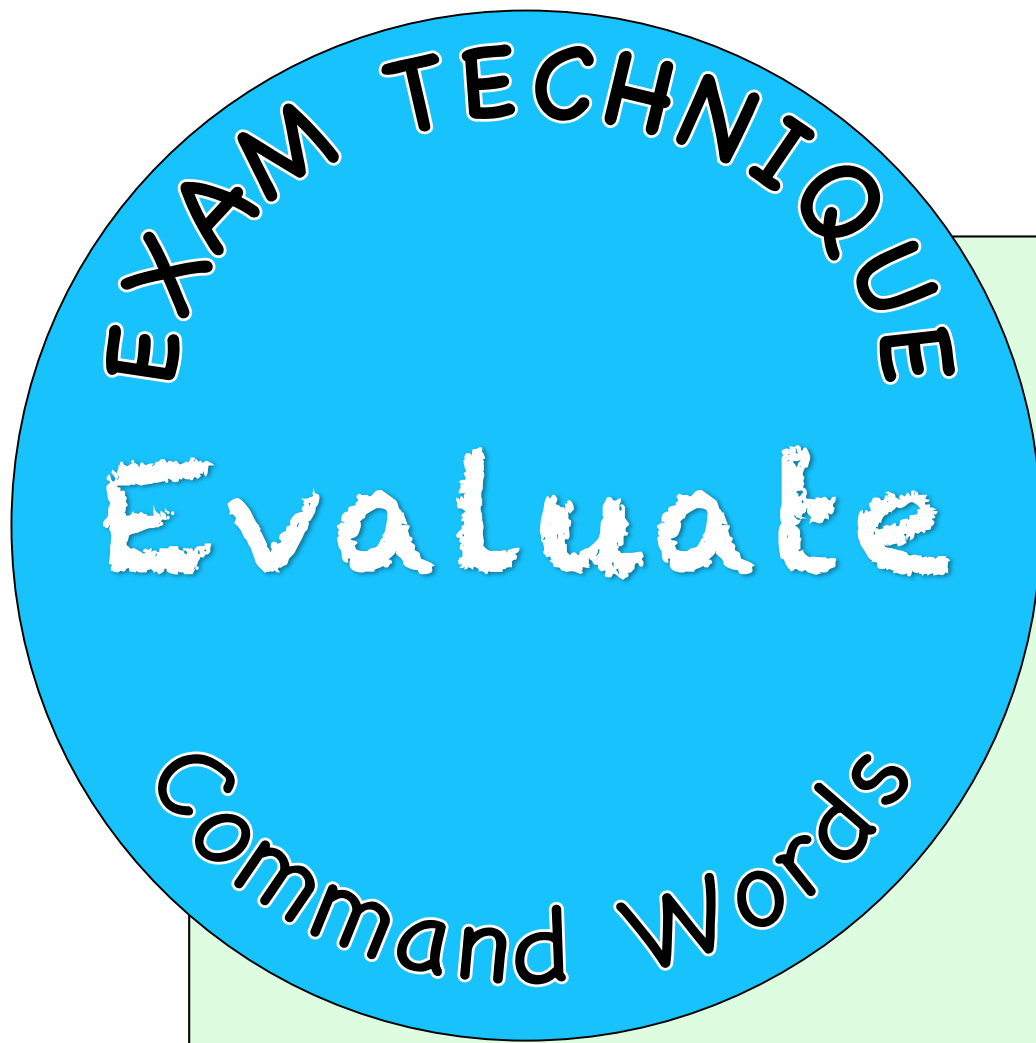
You may be asked to make an informed judgement about a topic. **Discuss** the

topic and give your **opinion**, but support it using information provided or your own knowledge.



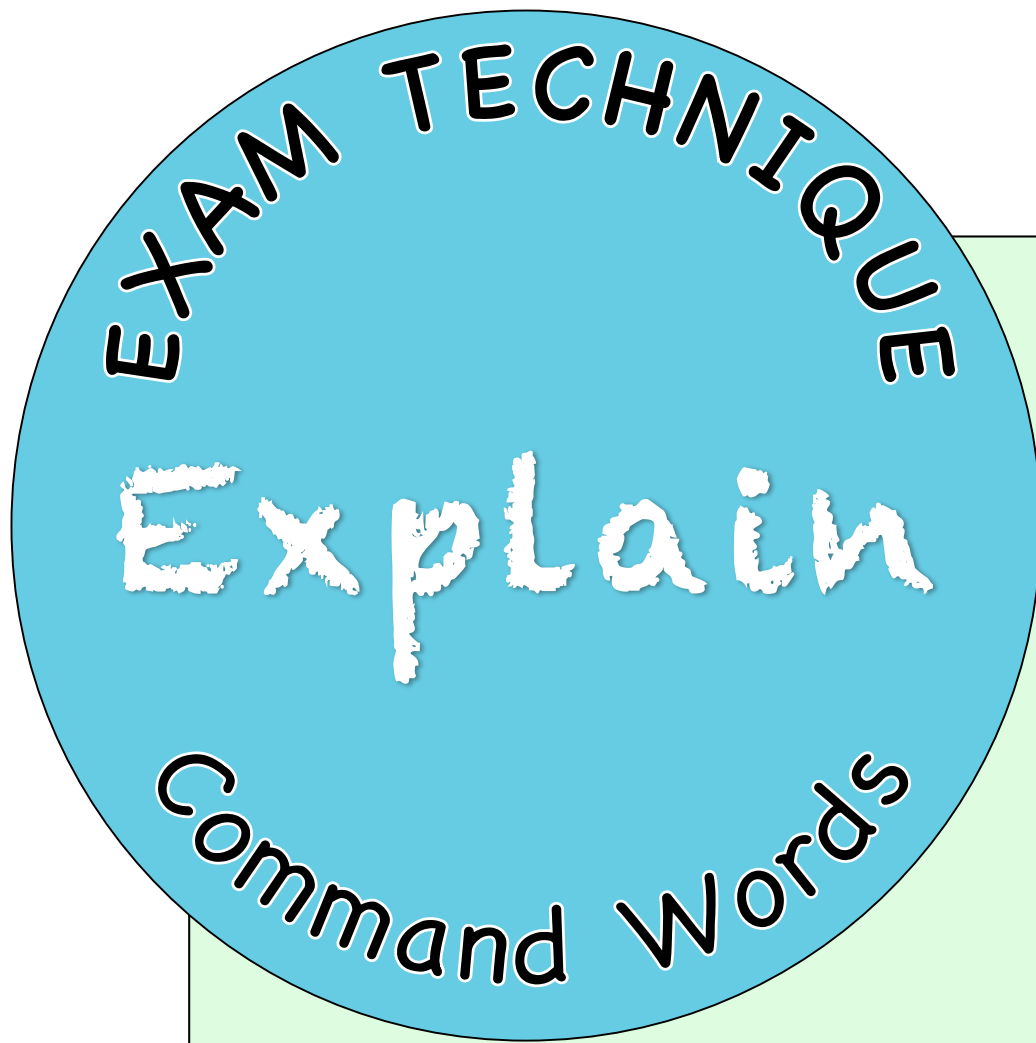
Some questions ask you to **draw** or sketch something. Use a pencil, ruler and rubber.

You might be asked to **draw** the electrons in an atom, a graph or a ray diagram.



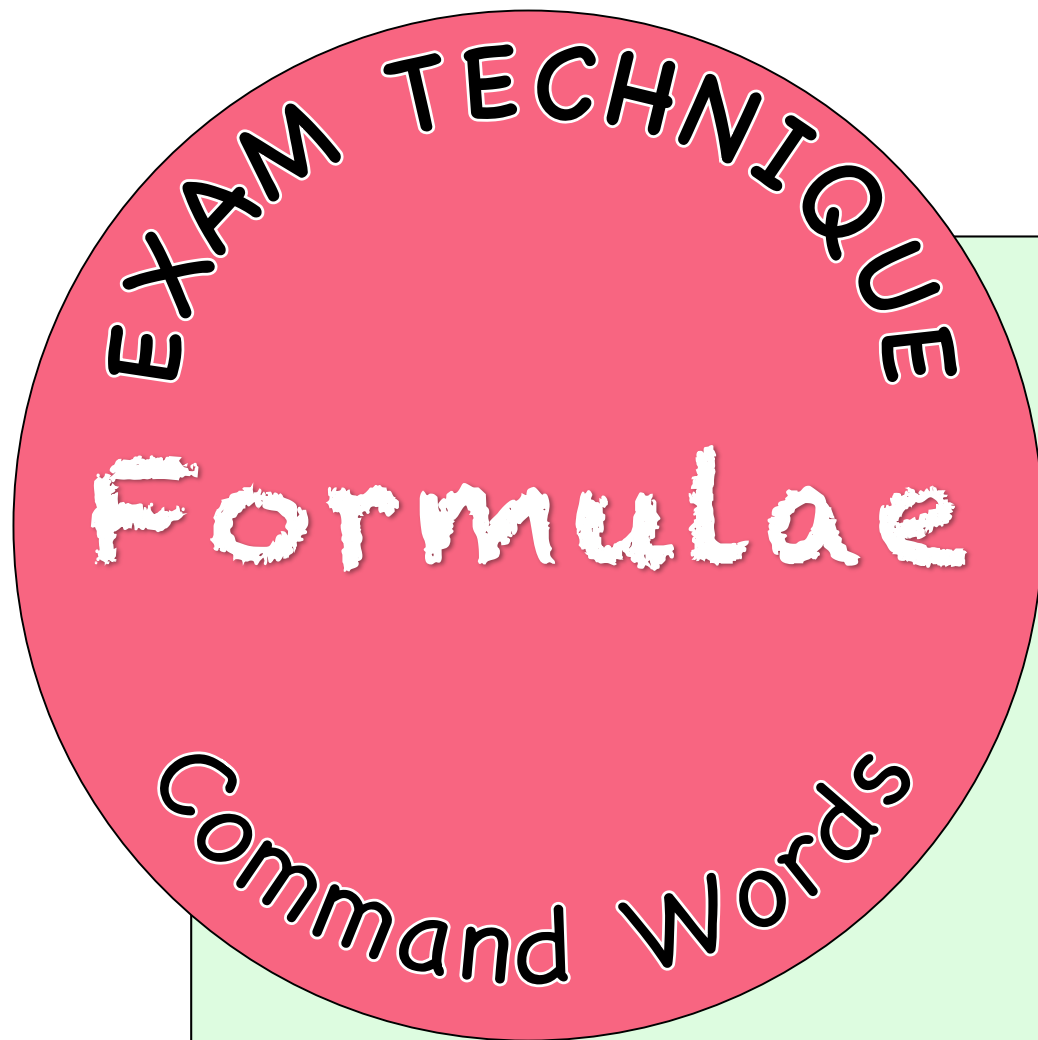
You will be given information and expected to use it and your own knowledge to look

at evidence. Discuss advantages and disadvantages/for and against and use these to come to a conclusion.



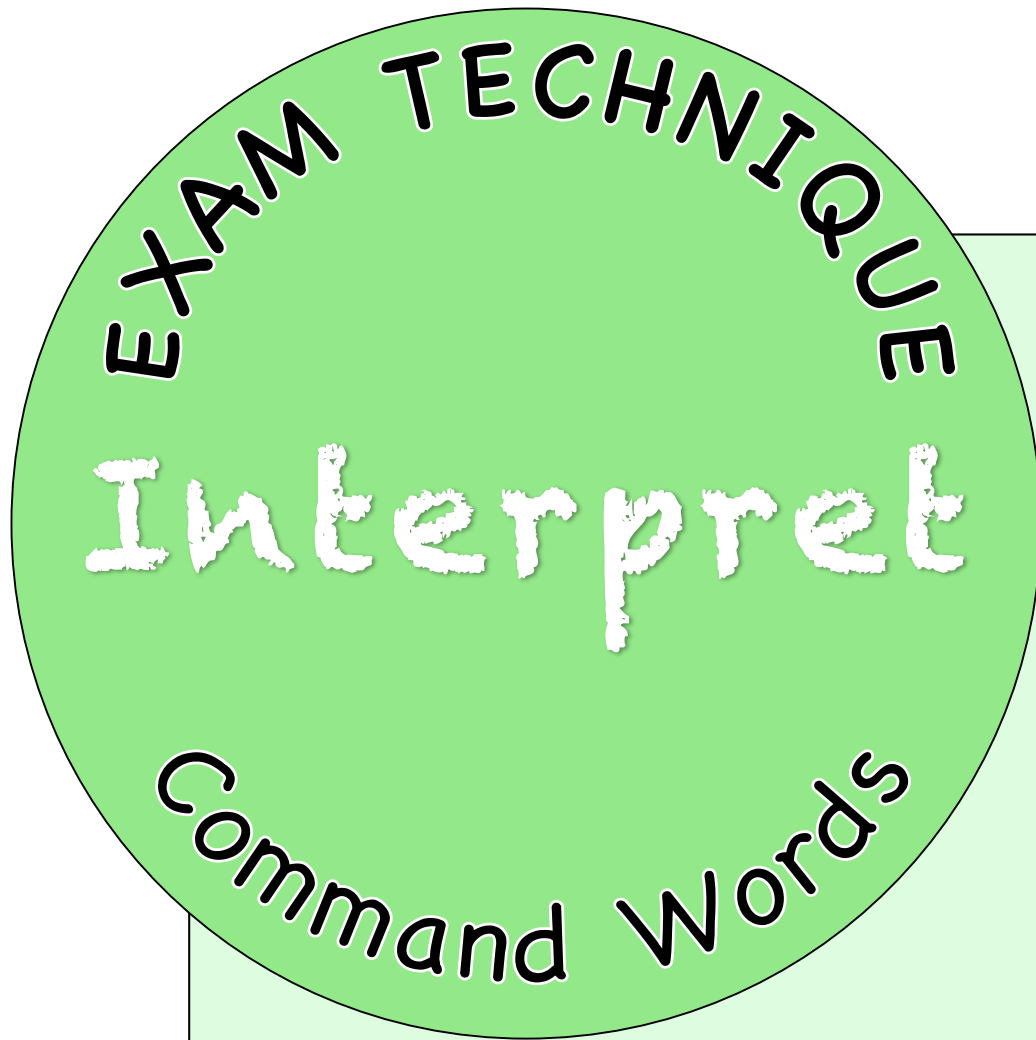
State what is happening and explain how or why it is happening by using 'because'.

Answers to these questions should link descriptions to the reasons behind what is happening.



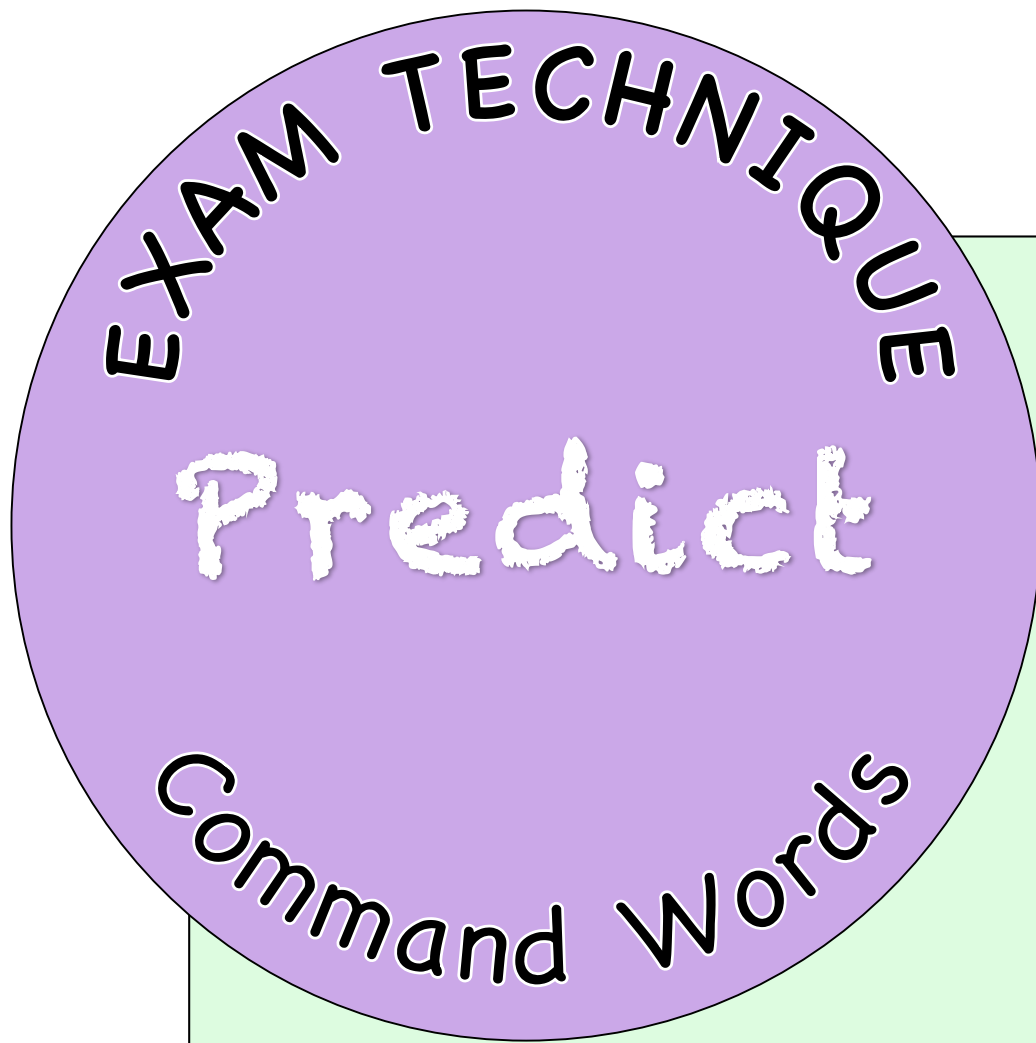
In some chemistry questions you will be expected to write chemical formulae for

compounds. You will be given the symbols and the ions can be found on the Data Sheet.



Interpret the data given to you on graphs, diagrams or in tables to answer the question.

Make sure you use at least two **examples** of the data to support your answer.



A question may ask you to predict the outcome of a genetic cross, or what will be

formed at different electrodes in an experiment. Learn patterns and rules to answer these questions.

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Suggest

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You will be given some information about an unfamiliar situation and asked to suggest an

answer. You will not have learned the answer – instead, apply your knowledge to that new situation.

Quick Tips

- All sections within a question are related but can be answered separately.
- Skip straight to the question being asked to clue into the specific science the question relates to.
- Look at the marks for each question and make at least that number of points in your answer.
- Use diagrams to help understand information and answer questions.
- Look for **bold** print in a question. It is used to help focus your answer. (e.g. "Give **one** other...")
- Highlight key vocabulary and command words.
- Use P.E.E. for extended answers.