ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS: COMMAND DEFINITIONS

Please:

• Read your through learning materials before attempting to answer these assessment questions

• Answer **ALL** questions **IN FULL**

• Check you have answered each question fully before submitting to your tutor for marking

• Make sure you supply any research material together with your assessment.

*(Please note: read each question carefully as there may be more than one answer required.)*

Tips for understanding how to answer the questions

**Describe**

If you are asked to describe something, you should state the features in such a way that another person could recognise what you are describing if they saw it.

An example might be: **Describe a donkey.** It would be insufficient to state “has four legs and a back” as this could be a chair. A description stating “a four legged animal, long tail, mane, similar to a horse but generally smaller, makes a unique sound like “eeyor” often repeatedly” would probably allow another person to recognise your description as a donkey.

**Explain/discuss**

Give details which make what you are trying to say clear to the reader. As a general rule, this type of question requires the most in-depth answer.

**State**

Usually requires a shortened answer, which could be a list or a single sentence. Several questions take the form of “state what the letters ‘BBC’ stand for”. The answer would simply be “British Broadcasting Corporation”.

**Outline**

This type of question needs a brief answer which does not include much detail, but covers all steps, stages or parts involved. A question asking you to outline how to catch a train would require an answer along the lines of “check train times, choose train, go to station, buy ticket and board train”. It would not expect you to include the detail of **how** you would do these things.

**Identify**

This means to give sufficient detail so that someone else can recognise your description. This is sometimes used instead of “state”, so think what the question is asking for.

**Demonstrate**

Means just that. Show someone what you do.