Sample Question Stems Based on Revised Bloom's Taxonomy

| Remember | Understand | Apply |
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| Who? | What does this mean? | Predict what would happen if |
| Where? | Which are the facts? | Choose the best statements that |
| Which one? | State in your own words. | apply. |
| What? | Is this the same as? | Judge the effects of |
| How? | Give an example. | What would result? |
| Why? | Select the best definition. | Tell what would happen if |
| How much? | Condense this paragraph. | Tell how, when, where, why. |
| How many? | What would happen if? | Tell how much change there would |
| When? | Explain why | be if |
| | What expectations are there? | Identify the results of |
| What does it mean? | Read the graph (table). | Write in your own words |
| What happened after? | What are they saying? | How would you explain? |
| What is the best one? | This represents | Write a brief outline |
| Can you name all the | What seems to be? | What do you think could have |
| ? | Is it valid that? | happened next? |
| Who spoke to? | What seems likely? | Who do you think? |
| Which is true or false? | Show in a graph, table. | What was the main idea? |
| | Which statements support? | Clarify why |
| | What restrictions would you | Illustrate the |
| | add? | Does everyone act in the way that |
| | Outline | does? |
| | What could have happened | Draw a story map. |
| | next? | Explain why a character acted in |
| | Can you clarify? | the way that he did. |
| | Can you illustrate ? | Do you know of another instance |
| | Does everyone think in the way | |
| | that does? | Can you group by characteristics |
| | | such as? |
| | | Which factors would you change if? |
| | | What questions would you ask of? |
| | | From the information given, can you develop a set of instructions |
| | | about? |

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| Analyze | Evaluate | Create |
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| What is the function of? | What fallacies, consistencies, | Can you design a to |
| What's fact? Opinion? | inconsistencies appear? | ? |
| What assumptions? | Which is more important, | Can you see a possible |
| What statement is relevant? | moral, better, logical, valid, | solution to? |
| What motive is there? | appropriate? | If you had access to all |
| What conclusions? | Find the errors. | resources, how would |
| What does the author believe? | Is there a better solution to | you deal with? |
| What does the author assume? | ? | Why don't you devise |
| State the point of view of | Judge the value of | your own way to? |
| What ideas apply? | What do you think about? | What would happen if? |
| What ideas justify the conclusion? What's the relationship between? | Can you defend your position about? | How many ways can you? |
| The least essential statements are | Do you think is a good or bad thing? | Can you create new and unusual uses for? |
| What's the main idea? Theme? | How would you have handled | Can you develop a |
| What literary form is used? | ? | proposal which would |
| What persuasive technique is used? | What changes to would | ? |
| Determine the point of view, bias, | you recommend? | How would you test? |
| values, or intent underlying | Do you believe? | Propose an alternative. |
| presented material. | How would you feel if? | How else would you? |
| Which events could not have | How effective are? | State a rule. |
| happened? | What are the consequences of | |
| If happened, what might the | ? | |
| ending have been? | What influence will have | |
| How is similar to? | on our lives? | |
| What do you see as other possible outcomes? | What are the pros and cons of? | |
| Why did changes occur? | Why is of value? | |
| Can you explain what must have happened when? | What are the alternatives? Who will gain and who will | |
| What were some of the motives behind? | lose? | |
| What was the turning point? | | |
| What are some of the problems of | | |
| ? | | |
| Can you distinguish between? | | |

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