Assessment in Higher Education:Professional Development for Teachers

Open Ended Questions - Checklist



Criteria at item level

Questions	
	The language used in the question is grammatically correct, unambiguous and concise.
	Only one topic/problem is focused on per (sub) question.
	The questions are phrased positively. Whenever negations are unavoidable, <u>not</u> or <u>none</u> are underscored.
	The question is <u>not</u> a trick question.
	Introductory/context information is presented in separate sentences from the question. The question is clearly distinguishable.
	Enough information is provided regarding the length and type of answer that is expected/required: - Specific elements to be included - Maximum amount of words - Right choice of directive verbs - If a student's answer is to be explained, motivated or supported by arguments this is clearly indicated.
	It is clear from the question what kind of content (knowledge, understanding or application) is being assessed.
	The question assesses objective knowledge or insights, the question does <u>not</u> call for a student's opinion or preference (unless students are explicitly meant to provide an opinion and support it with arguments).
Contextual information	
	The use of contextual information (e.g. pictures, figures, text, tables) is functional.
	There are correct and clear references in the question(s) to the provided contextual information.
	The context contains no unnecessary information (unless the objectives include the ability to filter relevant information).
	The context is presented clearly and the information is correct.