

Sample Questions for Use in an Oral Examination (Viva)

Some questions that may be suitable for the Oral Examination (Viva) include:

1. Your answer to question number “X”, [read the text of the question] was quite [brief/confusing/unexpected/interesting] – could you please explain what aspects of the course you drew on to arrive at this answer?
2. Could you please explain how you arrived at the answer to question “X”, [read the text of the question]?
3. You answered question “X”, [read the text of the question] by [read the answer]. What do you think you could add to this to improve your answer?
4. Your answer to question “X” is unusual because it [doesn’t match other answers you have given/was not covered in the course/uses a different approach to what we covered in the course] – could you please tell us how you came to this [answer/response].