Higher Order Thinking Skills Question Template

From Bloom’s Taxonomy:

Recall
The most commonly asked questions—these do not really involve higher-order thinking skills. If the answer has already been explicitly provided in a reading text or in the classroom, the question is a recall question.

Examples:
1. When did ________ take place?
2. List the ________.
3. Define the term ________.
4. What is a ________?
5. Who did ________?

Analysis

Examples:
1. How does ________ work?
2. Use the table (or graph) to determine ________.
3. What caused ________?
4. Outline the ________.
5. Based on the written description, draw a diagram.
6. Use the map to determine ________.
7. In what sequence did ________ happen?
8. Break ________ down into its component parts.
9. Give an example of ________.
10. What information is needed?
11. What does ________ symbolize?
12. Classify these ________ according to ________.
13. Separate the ________ from the ________.
14. Explain how ________ works.
15. What was the author's point of view?
16. How did the author convey ________?
17. Which one doesn't belong in this group?
18. What is the function of ________?
19. What is the relationship between ________ and ________?
20. What is the pattern?

Comparison

Examples:
1. How is ________ like ________?
2. Which one is the biggest/oldest/tallest?
3. How are ________ and ________ different?
4. Compare the ________ before and after ________.
5. Compare the character ________ at the beginning of the story and at the end.
6. Distinguish between ________ and ________.
7. Compare ________ with ________.

Inference

Examples:
1. What will happen if ________.
2. Apply the rule to ________.
3. Predict how the story ________ will end.
4. What is the overall theme of ________?
5. What is the moral of the story?
6. Develop a plan to ________.
7. Propose and describe an invention that fills some need.
8. Write a research paper on ________.
9. Based on your readings, what can you conclude about ________?
10. What was the author's point of view?
11. What generalization can you make from this information?
12. Propose a solution to the problem of ________.