GATE Prompts of Depth and Complexity

Depth and Complexity	Iconic Prompt	Key Questions	Example/ Definition
Language of the Disciplines		What vocabulary terms are specific to the content or discipline?	Purpose, language, skills, tools, and methodology that are specific to a discipline or disciplinarian
Details		What are the defining features or characteristics?	Parts, factors, attributes, variables, distinguishing traits
Patterns		What elements reoccur? What is the sequence or order of events?	Time lines, other chronological lists, predictability, elements that are repeated
Trends		What ongoing factors created influence?	Course of action, compare, contrast, forecast
Unanswered Questions	355	What information is unclear, missing, or still not known by the experts?	Missing parts, Incomplete Ideas/ambiguity, discrepancies, unresolved Issues
Ethics		What ethical principles are involved in the subject? What debate could emerge from discussion?	Values, morals, ethics, pro and con, bias/differing opinions, right and wrong, shades of gray
Big Ideas		What overarching statement best describes what is being studied? How do these ideas relate to broad concepts such as change, relationships, etc.?	Main Idea, generalizations, principles, theories
Rules		What structure underlies this subject? What guidelines, regulations, hierarchy, or ordering principles are at work?	Reasons, organization, laws, theories, structure
Over Time	FURIAL	How are elements related in terms of the past, present, and future?	Connecting points in time, relationships within a time period
Across Disciplines		How is the area of study related to other subjects within, between, and across disciplines?	Cross-curricular studies Interdisciplinary relationships
Multiple Perspectives (Points of View)	60	What are the opposing viewpoints? How do different characters or disciplinarians see this event or situation?	Different roles and knowledge, opposing viewpoints, debate, "Think Like a Disciplinarian"