

**Table 1.** Illustrative examples of instructions for three ranking methods.

Type	Instructions
<b>Listwise</b>	<p>You are a movie recommender system. Your task is to rank a given list of candidate movies based on user preferences and return the top five recommendations.</p> <p>User's Liked movies: <u>&lt;liked historical interactions&gt;</u>.</p> <p>User's Disliked movies: <u>&lt;disliked historical interactions&gt;</u>.</p> <p>Question: How would the user rank the candidate item list: <u>&lt;ranking item list&gt;</u>?</p> <p>Hint: Another recommender model suggests <u>&lt;ranking list&gt;</u>.</p>
<b>Pointwise</b>	<p>You are a movie recommender system. Your task is to predict the relevance score to a target movie based on the user's historical movie ratings.</p> <p>The score should be between 1 and 5.</p> <p>User's Liked movies: <u>&lt;liked historical interactions&gt;</u>.</p> <p>User's Disliked movies: <u>&lt;disliked historical interactions&gt;</u>.</p> <p>Question: Based on the user's historical ratings, predict the relevance score of the target <u>&lt;item&gt;</u> with the user.</p> <p>Hint: Another recommender model suggests the answer is <u>&lt;score&gt;</u>.</p>
<b>Pairwise</b>	<p>You are a movie recommender system. Based on a user's likes and dislikes, determine if they would prefer one movie over another. Respond only with Yes or No.</p> <p>User's Liked movies: <u>&lt;liked historical interactions&gt;</u>.</p> <p>User's Disliked movies: <u>&lt;disliked historical interactions&gt;</u>.</p> <p>Question: Would the user prefer <u>&lt;movie1&gt;</u> over <u>&lt;movie2&gt;</u>?</p> <p>Hint: Another recommender model suggests the answer is <u>&lt;movie1&gt;</u>.</p>