



BRITISH
COLUMBIA

Ministry of Education
Graduation Program Examination

Civic Studies 11

Examination Booklet

Sample Exam

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REFER TO THE RESPONSE BOOKLET PROVIDED, FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

Contents: 21 pages

55 multiple-choice and matching questions (maximum of 55 marks)

2 essay questions (maximum of 24 marks)

Examination: 2 hours

Additional Time Permitted: 60 minutes

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PART A: SELECTED RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Value: 55 marks

Suggested Time: 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS: For each question, select the **best** answer and record your choice on the **Response Booklet** provided. Using an HB pencil, completely fill in the circle that has the letter corresponding to your answer.

1. What document first placed limits on the power of the monarch?

- * A. Magna Carta
- B. Bill of Rights
- C. Durham Report
- D. British North America Act

Use the following headline to answer question 2.



2. Which of the following is **most** closely associated with the headline above?

- A. republican government
- * B. responsible government
- C. constitutional government
- D. representative government

Use the following headline to answer question 3.



3. Which Canadian would be **most** closely associated with the headline?

- A. Cairine Wilson
- B. Kim Campbell
- * C. Nellie McClung
- D. Agnes MacPhail

Use the following newspaper headline to answer question 4.



4. Which of the following is associated with the headline?

- * A. the Persons Case
- B. Dominion Elections Act
- C. Senator Eligibility Affair
- D. the Statute of Westminster

5. Which of the following is an example of collaborative decision-making?

- * A. A family meets to discuss the upcoming week's menus.
- B. The student council president decides on the new school colours.
- C. The staff is informed by the school principal of changes to the timetable.
- D. A group of employees receives a memo from the boss regarding dress code.

6. Which of the following is an example of authoritarian decision-making?

- A. A family votes on when to take a holiday.
- B. The principal asks for input about a new dress code policy.
- C. A teacher holds a class meeting to decide classroom rules for the school year.
- * D. The student council president cancels the school dance without consulting other students.

Use the following scenario to answer question 7.

Because of depleted water levels, a city creates a by-law limiting residents to bathe only two days per week. You decide not to take a bath until your authorized day.

7. Which democratic principle are you supporting in the scenario?

- A. right to vote
 - B. majority rules
 - * C. common good
 - D. support for the minority
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8. Which of the following **best** characterizes a democratic government?

- A. hereditary rule
- B. a one-party system
- * C. judicial independence
- D. strictly controlled media

Use the following headline to answer question 9.



9. To what concept does the term “centre” relate?

- A. democracy
- B. national capital
- C. enfranchisement
- * D. political spectrum

Use the following quotation to answer question 10.

The “trickle-down theory,” whereby private industry is supported first, will ultimately benefit the people.

10. Which of the following political ideologies would **most** likely support this economic perspective?

- A. Socialism
- B. Liberalism
- C. Communism
- * D. Conservatism

11. Which of the following is an element of a “left-wing” ideology?

- * A. universal health care
- B. fewer corporate taxes
- C. increased military spending
- D. increased punishment for lawbreakers

Use the following information to answer question 12.

• Nationalism • Militarism • Racism

12. Which political ideology is most associated with the information above?

- * A. Fascism
- B. Socialism
- C. Liberalism
- D. Communism

Use the following information to answer question 13.

Family spends more than 55% of its income on food, clothing and shelter.

Statistics Canada

13. What measure is referred to above?

- A. Income Tax
- * B. Low-Income Cut-Off
- C. Family Allowance Benefit
- D. Coalition for the Rights of the Child

14. What political party implemented Unemployment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan and the Canada Health Act?

- A. Bloc Québécois
- B. New Democratic Party
- * C. Liberal Party of Canada
- D. Conservative Party of Canada

15. What process is used to select the leader of a Canadian federal political party?
- A. elected by all citizens
 - B. appointed by the previous leader
 - * C. elected by political party members
 - D. appointed by a special party committee

Use the following headline to answer question 16.



16. What was the **main** purpose of creating this new political party?
- A. to bring a stronger voice to the “West”
 - * B. to merge two right-wing federal political parties
 - C. to create a third alternative for conservative voters
 - D. to change the name of the Canadian Alliance Party

Use the following cartoon to answer question 17.



17. What phase of the electoral process is represented by the cartoon?
- * A. balloting
 - B. tabulation
 - C. nomination
 - D. enumeration

18. What is the maximum term of a federal Parliament set out in the Constitution?
- A. two years
 - B. three years
 - C. four years
 - * D. five years
19. To which position is a person elected by all the Members of Parliament?
- A. Prime Minister
 - B. Sergeant-at-Arms
 - C. Governor General
 - * D. Speaker of the House
20. In the House of Commons, what stage of the passage of a bill gives approval in principle?
- A. First Reading
 - * B. Second Reading
 - C. Third Reading
 - D. Royal Assent
21. The concept that all ministers of the Crown will support a government policy is called
- * A. Cabinet solidarity.
 - B. executive privilege.
 - C. majority government.
 - D. responsible government.

22. What is the **main** purpose of the Speech from the Throne?
- A. to give the Prime Minister the opportunity to open Parliament
 - * B. to allow the government to outline its plans for the new session of Parliament
 - C. to give the governing party a chance to explain its major proposals for the upcoming election
 - D. to allow the Governor General to explain what he or she believes would be good legislation for the country
23. What level of government makes laws concerning the postal service?
- * A. federal
 - B. provincial
 - C. municipal
 - D. territorial
24. Which of the following is under federal jurisdiction because of the “residual power clause” in the Constitution?
- A. customs duties
 - B. regulation of banks
 - C. purchase of military weapons
 - * D. regulation of television stations
25. What is the **main** purpose of a regional district?
- A. to elect a Member of Parliament
 - B. to coordinate the work of school boards
 - * C. to coordinate municipal government services
 - D. to allow regions of Canada to have better access to federal government services

26. Why are the **rights** of Canadians better protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms than they were by the Canadian Bill of Rights?
- * A. They are entrenched in the Constitution.
 - B. They are subject to amendment or repeal.
 - C. They are applied exclusively to federal jurisdictions.
 - D. They are supported by a majority vote in Parliament.

Use the following statement to answer question 27.

When applying for Canadian citizenship,
knowledge about the rights and responsibilities
of being a citizen is required.

27. Which responsibility is implied by the statement?
- A. to own property
 - B. to attend a public school
 - C. to support a political party
 - * D. to understand voting procedures

Use the following quotation to answer question 28.

...when Europeans arrived in North America, Aboriginal peoples were already here, living in communities on the land, and participating in distinctive cultures, as they had done for centuries.

Supreme Court Justice Lamer

28. Which of the following statements is supported by the quotation?
- A. Aboriginal title has expired over time.
 - B. English Common Law should be followed.
 - * C. Aboriginals do not have to prove land ownership.
 - D. Europeans were the first to arrive in North America.

Use the following information to answer question 29.

- Chief of Chiefs, Nisga'a Tribal Council
- National Aboriginal Lifetime Achievement Award
- Nisga'a Treaty Negotiations

29. Which of the following individuals would match the description above?

- A. Bill Reid
 - * B. Frank Calder
 - C. Elijah Harper
 - D. Len Marchand
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30. The statement “all Canadians play hockey” is an example of which of the following practices?

- A. prejudice
- * B. stereotyping
- C. scapegoating
- D. discriminating

31. An individual is able to use the BC Human Rights Code for which of the following actions?

- A. prejudice
- B. stereotyping
- * C. discrimination
- D. racial profiling

Use the following statements to answer question 32.

- Willing to face punishment demonstrates strengths in one's beliefs
- Should be directed against laws that are seriously harmful
- Requires taking responsibility for one's actions

32. Which term is described by these principles?

- A. civil law
- B. civil rights
- C. civil service

* D. civil disobedience

TOPIC: Charter of Rights and Freedoms	
Match the statement in Column I with the correct term in Column II.	
Column I	Column II
33. Right to vote	A. Equality Right
34. Right to travel and work in any province	B. Legal Right
35. Right to be educated in your first language	C. Human Right
36. Right to counsel	D. Democratic Right
	E. Mobility Right
	F. Minority Language Right

37. Which of the following principles is included in the rule of law?
- A. Everyone has the right to vote.
 - B. Every citizen has the power to make laws.
 - C. Every law must be agreed to by a majority of citizens.
 - * D. Everyone including those who govern must obey the law.
38. All of the following provinces follow a legal system based on Common Law **except**
- * A. Quebec.
 - B. Manitoba.
 - C. Nova Scotia.
 - D. British Columbia.
39. Which of the following **best** describes the principle of presumption of innocence in criminal cases in Canada?
- A. proof beyond any doubt
 - * B. proof beyond a reasonable doubt
 - C. proof beyond doubt based on prejudice
 - D. proof beyond doubt based on sympathy
40. Which of the following Canadian citizens is eligible to be called to serve on a jury in Canada?
- * A. a civil servant
 - B. a practising lawyer
 - C. a Member of Parliament
 - D. a person serving a prison sentence

41. In which court would a person accused of genocide **likely** be tried?
- A. Security Council
 - B. Supreme Court of Canada
 - * C. International Criminal Court
 - D. International Court of Justice
42. With which provincial body would you file a complaint if you have been treated unfairly by a School Board?
- A. Provincial Legislature
 - * B. Office of the Ombudsman
 - C. Office of the Premier of BC
 - D. Information and Privacy Commissioner's Office
43. What was the original purpose of NATO?
- A. to promote trade among its members
 - * B. to defend Western Europe from Soviet aggression
 - C. to send peacekeeping forces to world trouble spots
 - D. to promote closer cooperation among countries in North America

Use the following headline to answer question 44.



44. What issue concerned Canadians who did not support this agreement?
- A. Prices in Canada would rise.
 - B. Canadian taxes would increase.
 - * C. Many jobs could be lost in Canada.
 - D. Canadians would have limited access to American goods.

Use the following information to answer question 45.

To improve some aspect of people's lives by providing services and lobbying governments to change unfair laws.

45. Which of the following groups models the definition above?
- A. World Trade Organization
 - B. Transnational Corporations
 - C. International Court of Justice
 - * D. Non-Governmental Organizations

Use the following statement to answer question 46.

In a dangerous and divided world it is more important than ever that the global human rights movement remains strong, relevant and vibrant.

46. Which non-governmental organization (NGO) would support this statement?
- A. Oxfam
 - B. Red Cross
 - C. Corporate Watch
 - * D. Amnesty International
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47. To which organization would application be made in order to obtain funds for building water wells in drought-stricken Ethiopia?
- A. IMF
 - B. WTO
 - * C. CIDA
 - D. NATO

48. To which country would Canada be **most likely** to give “tied aid”?

- A. Italy
- * B. Kenya
- C. U.S.A.
- D. Mexico

Use the following information to answer question 49.

Professional Career

- Chief Prosecutor for International War Crimes Tribunal
- Judge on the Supreme Court of Canada
- Supporter of Human Rights

49. Which person is described above?

- A. Jeanne Sauvé
 - * B. Louise Arbour
 - C. Kim Campbell
 - D. Beverly McLachlin
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50. Which country was directly impacted by the actions of Nelson Mandela?

- A. Canada
- * B. South Africa
- C. United Kingdom
- D. United States of America

TOPIC: Activists

Match the description in Column I with the person in Column II.

Column I	Column II
51. used hunger strikes to achieve goals	A. Rosa Parks
52. established orphanages for impoverished children	B. Craig Kielburger
53. focused efforts on improving working conditions for children	C. Mohandas Gandhi
54. led a movement to eliminate discrimination and improve equality	D. Norman Bethune
	E. Mother Teresa
	F. Martin Luther King, Jr.

55. Which of the following would be considered an example of sustainable development?

- A. coal-fired generators
- B. propane-fueled vehicles
- C. home-heating with natural gas
- * D. wind-powered electrical generators

**This is the end of the selected-response section.
Answer the remaining questions directly in the Response Booklet.**

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PART B: ESSAY QUESTIONS

Value: 24 marks

Suggested Time: 70 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer **both** essay questions **using ink** in the space provided in the **Response Booklet**. No work written in this **Examination Booklet** will be marked.

A good answer will include:

- a relevant position or thesis
- an introduction and conclusion
- appropriate supporting details

Use the following information to answer question 1.

“The purposes of the United Nations are:

- to keep peace among nations
- to increase co-operation between nations
- to defend human rights
- to improve the living conditions of people everywhere in the world”

Canadian Issues
Francis et al, 1998

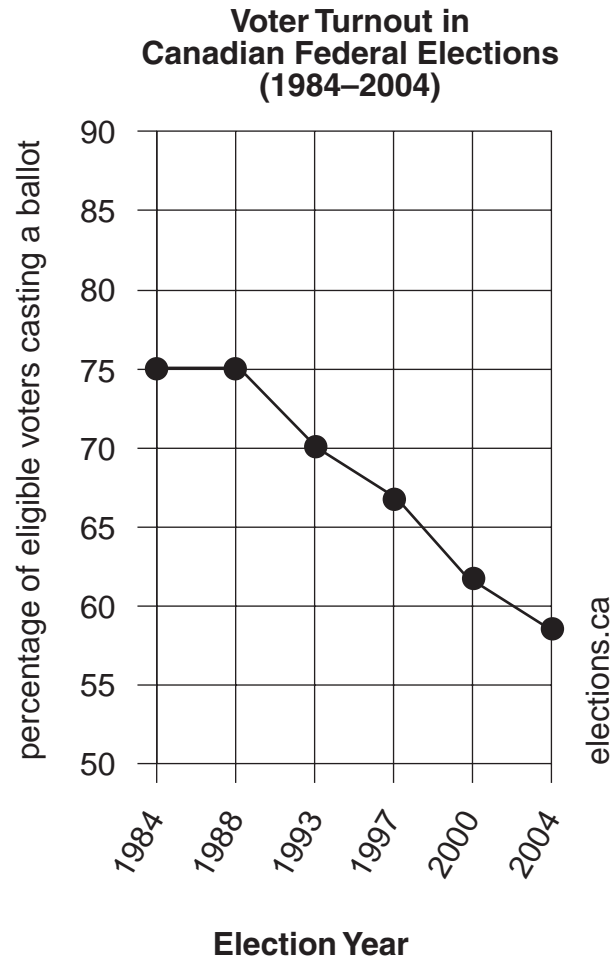
1. To what extent has Canada helped the United Nations achieve its purposes during the past sixty years?

(12 marks)

In your response, discuss **at least** two of the purposes mentioned above.

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Use the following graph to answer question 2.



2. Explain the reasons for the decline of Canadian voter participation rates since 1984.

(12 marks)

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