

Unit 1
Politics and Government

Additional Provincial Exam Practice Questions

Directions: Select the best answer for each of the following questions

Chapter 4: The Canadian Constitution

Use the following information to answer the question below.

The Canadian constitution:

1	outlines the rights and responsibilities of all citizens
2	describes government power and amending formulas
3	designates the responsibilities of the federal, provincial, and territorial governments
4	describes statutes and political platforms at the federal level

33. Which statement truly describes the Canadian constitution?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

34. On what is the unwritten constitution based?

- A. European parliamentary tradition
- B. Canadian parliamentary tradition
- C. French parliamentary tradition
- D. British parliamentary tradition

35. What bill did Prime Minister John Diefenbaker enact in 1960 to formally recognize the rights of Canadians?
- A. Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
 - B. notwithstanding clause
 - C. Canadian Bill of Rights
 - D. rule of law
36. Which document confirmed Canada's independence from Britain?
- A. Statue of Westminster, 1931
 - B. Magna Carta, 1215
 - C. Constitution Act, 1867
 - D. Meech Lake Accord, 1987

Use the following information to answer the question below.

1	Official Languages Act; constitutional conventions; existence of prime minister
2	Charter of Rights and Freedoms; amending formulas; powers of provincial legislature
3	Governor General required to give assent to bills; existence of cabinet
4	prime minister required to call an election upon losing a no-confidence vote

37. What does Canada's written constitution include?
- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4
38. How did Quebecers feel during the process of creating clauses in the constitution?
- A. united with other Canadian citizens
 - B. betrayed and isolated
 - C. wary but optimistic about Quebec's future in Canada
 - D. pleased that the Maritime provinces were fully accepted into Canada

Use the following information to answer the question below.

1	an agreement between Ottawa and all the provinces except Quebec to accept the Charter in the constitution if a "notwithstanding clause" was included
2	an agreement between Ottawa and all the provinces to accept the amending formula as part of the new constitution
3	an agreement between Quebec and the other provinces to accept French as an official language in Canada
4	Ottawa's promise to grant Quebec special privileges in exchange for Quebec accepting the "notwithstanding clause"

39. What was the Kitchen Compromise?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Use the following information to answer the question below.

1	The new Constitution Act was signed by Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Trudeau with support from all provinces
2	The new Constitution Act was signed by Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Trudeau without Quebec's approval
3	The new Constitution Act was signed by Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Trudeau with support from a majority of provinces
4	The new Constitution Act was signed by Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Trudeau without provincial support

40. Which statement about the Constitution Act is true?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

41. Who must agree in order to amend the Canadian constitution?
- A. half of all Canadians through referendum
 - B. a huge majority of Canadians through elected representatives
 - C. all provincial premiers and the Canadian Parliament
 - D. support of Canadian Parliament and seven provinces representing more than half the population of Canada
42. In 1976, the Parti Québécois made French the official language in Quebec. This contradicts a right in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. How was Quebec able to pass this law?
- A. by using the amending formula
 - B. by taking the law to the Supreme Court of Quebec
 - C. by taking the law to the Supreme Court of Canada
 - D. by using the notwithstanding clause Correct
43. Which of the following is **not** a fundamental freedom as identified in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms?
- A. freedom of conscience and religion
 - B. freedom of thought and belief
 - C. freedom of peaceful assembly and association
 - D. freedom to defend oneself and to bear arms

Use the following information to answer the question below.

1	part of the constitution that clearly states the basic rights and freedoms enjoyed by Canadians
2	part of the Canadian Human Rights Act that outlines the human rights associated with all federal businesses and agencies
3	part of the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights that clearly states the basic rights and freedoms of all
4	part of the Canadian Bill of Rights that formally acknowledged the rights Canadians held under common law

44. What is the Charter of Rights and Freedoms?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Use the following information to answer the question below.

1	Rights and freedoms are guaranteed equally to male and female persons
2	Rights and freedoms are guaranteed equally to animals and people
3	Rights and freedoms are guaranteed equally considering physical and intellectual property
4	Rights and freedoms are guaranteed equally to children under the age of 18 and adults over the age of 65

45. Which statement is true?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

46. Leeta writes an editorial for her community newspaper describing her outrage at the government's lack of attention to greenhouse gas emissions. She is able to criticize the government without fear. What freedom is she exercising?
- A. the freedom to express an opinion
 - B. the freedom to assemble peacefully
 - C. the freedom to practise one's religion
 - D. the freedom to associate intellectually
47. What is an example of a democratic right?
- A. going to synagogue
 - B. moving to Toronto
 - C. enrolling in a French-immersion school
 - D. voting in an election

Use the following information to answer the question below.

1	Everyone has the right not to be subjected to any cruel or unusual punishment
2	During peaceful times, everyone has the right not to be subjected to any cruel or unusual punishment
3	Everyone has the right not to be subjected to extremely cruel or unusual punishment
4	When Canada is under threat, anyone may be interrogated and may be subject to uncomfortable punishment

48. Which statement about Canadians' rights is true?
- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4

Use the following information to answer the question below.

1	to be informed without delay of the specific offence
2	to be tried within a reasonable amount of time
3	to be presumed innocent until proven guilty
4	to be allowed unlimited access to a judge's legal counsel

49. Which of the above rights is not guaranteed if you are charged with an offence in Canada?
- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4
50. During the October Crisis of 1970, what fundamental freedoms did the War Measures Act restrict?
- A. conscience, religion, and assembly
 - B. assembly, association, and expression
 - C. thought, expression, and conscience
 - D. association, thought, and religion
51. Carla was raised as a Roman Catholic but now is a practising Buddhist. This is an example of which freedom?
- A. freedom of peaceful assembly
 - B. freedom of association
 - C. freedom of religion
 - D. freedom of expression
52. Ye Chang arrives as a newcomer in Vancouver from Shanghai. She decides to move to Montreal to pursue work as a runway model. What right has she to do this?
- A. legal rights
 - B. democratic rights
 - C. equality rights
 - D. mobility rights

Answers

- 33. C
- 34. D
- 35. C
- 36. A
- 37. B
- 38. B
- 39. A
- 40. B
- 41. D
- 42. D
- 43. D
- 44. A
- 45. A
- 46. A
- 47. D
- 48. A
- 49. D
- 50. B
- 51. C
- 52. D