

**ASSOCIATION OF CANADA LANDS SURVEYORS
BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

**SCHEDULE III / ITEM 3
GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES AND ABORIGINAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES**

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This examination consists of 17 questions on 2 pages

Marks

Q. No

Time: 3 hours

Value Earned

1	Define and explain the political significance of eight of the following nine terms for two marks each. a) Federal System b) Constituency c) Convention d) Pressure Group e) Cabinet solidarity f) Minority Government g) Coalition Government h) Triple E Senate i) Responsible government	16	
2	Describe the various roles and responsibilities of the Speaker of the House of Commons.	4	
3	Describe three powers held by each level of government, federal and provincial, under sections 91 and 92 of the <u>Constitution Act, 1867</u> (formerly <u>BNA Act, 1867</u>).	6	
4	Discuss how a bill becomes a law in Canada's Federal Parliament.	6	
5	Explain the constitutional importance of the recent decision by Governor General Michaëlle Jean towards Prime Minister Stephen Harper's request to Prorogue Parliament in 2008. Also explain how it was similar to the decision faced by Governor General Viscount Byng and the request by Prime Minister Mackenzie King to call an election in 1926.	6	
6	Identify four fundamental freedoms in Section 2 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.	2	

7	Evaluate three mechanisms whereby Canadians can influence public policy.	6	
8	It has been mentioned in the media that Prime Minister Stephen Harper is interested in the “devolution” of more power to the provinces. Discuss one area you feel should be devolved to the provinces and explain why.	4	
9	Outline the reason for the creation of : a) The <u>Indian Act</u> . b) Indian Reserves. c) Indian Residential Schools.	6	
10	Explain the significance of Aboriginal title and rights as they relate to the Royal Proclamation of 1763.	4	
11	Discuss the reason for the creation of: a) Specific Claims. b) Comprehensive Claims.	6	
12	Compare and contrast the outcomes of the a) James Bay b) Inuvialuit c) Council for Yukon Indians, and d) Nisga’a Agreements. Especially identify the land agreement portions of the various claims.	8	
13	Provide two major recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and explain how the Commission recommendations were received by the Federal Government.	6	
14	Outline the major issue and final decision of each of the following important Aboriginal court cases: a) the Calder Case. b) the Guerin Case. c) the Sparrow Case. d) the Delgamuukw Case.	8	
15	Describe the composition and role of the British Columbia Treaty Commission	4	
16	Describe the six steps of the British Columbia Treaty negotiation process.	6	
17	What is the Indian Land Registry system?	2	
Total Marks:		100	