

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 13 questions on 2 pages

Marks

Q. No

Time: 3 hours

Value

Earned

1.	Briefly define ANY 10 of the following 12 terms or concepts: a) socio-economic b) Quiet Revolution c) responsible government d) bicameralism e) federalism f) equalization payments g) backbencher h) non-government organizations (NGOs) i) conflict of interest j) Party Whips k) PMO l) disallowance	20	
2.	Write at least a two paragraph answer to the following: To what extent does the distribution of powers in the Constitution Act of 1867 accurately reflect the legislative responsibilities of each level of government presently in Canada? Is it possible to have a clear-cut distribution of powers in a mature federal state such as Canada?	8	
3.	What if any real purpose is served by Question Period and the daily sparring of the MPs? Compare the usefulness of Question Period to the work that is accomplished by MPs in Parliamentary Committees..	5	
4.	Using examples from the June 2004 Federal Election, describe how the single member plurality system (or first-past-the-post system) tends to under represent certain political parties in Canadian elections. Additionally, describe how our electoral system might be made more representative.	5	
5.	Describe what is meant by Minority Government and discuss how the actions of a government are different in a minority situation as compared to a majority situation. Again, make specific reference to our newly elected Parliament.	5	
6.	Describe the role of a party leader in a national political party. Discuss to what extent the four major political party leaders in the last Federal Election determined the electoral success of their political parties.	7	

7.	.Briefly define ANY 10 of the following 12 terms or concepts: a) status Indian b) T.L.E. Lands c) aboriginal title d) Category A lands e) Category B lands f) fiduciary obligation g) landmark decision h) section 35 of the <u>Canada Act</u> i) extinguishment j) treaty k) Comprehensive Claim l) Specific Claim	20	
8.	Name two pre-Confederation treaties, two treaties concluded between Confederation and 1976 and two treaties concluded since 1976.	3	
9.	What have the courts consistently said about litigation and negotiation of outstanding claims?	2	
10.	Treaty negotiations between Canada, British Columbia and many BC First Nations are currently in progress. a) Describe the composition of the BC Treaty Commission. b) Explain the role of the Treaty Commission. c) In point form, list the six major steps in the BC Treaty process.	2 2 6	
11.	The Supreme Court of Canada's December 1997 ruling in <i>Delgamuukw v. Attorney General of BC</i> is widely held as a landmark decision in the interpretation of aboriginal rights and title. a) Who were the plaintiffs in the case? b) What did the decision say about the content of aboriginal title? c) What test was established by the Supreme Court to determine the existence of aboriginal title?	2 3 3	
12.	Describe the significance of the ratification of the 1999 Nisga'a Treaty in British Columbia in the Canadian context.	2	
13.	What is a referendum? How useful a tool are referendums in designing policy for Aboriginal Treaties?	5	
	Total Marks:	100	