

**ASSOCIATION OF CANADA LANDS SURVEYORS  
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**PROFESSIONAL EXAMS - ITEM 3  
GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES AND ABORIGINAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES**

**March 2011**

**Note: The use of calculators or similar devices is not permitted in this exam.**

**This examination consists of 21 questions on 2 pages.**

<u>Q. No</u>	<u>Time: 3 hours</u>	<u>Marks</u>	
		<u>Value</u>	<u>Earned</u>
1.	a) What is a constitutional convention? b) How do constitutional conventions develop? c) Identify two examples of constitutional conventions underlying the operation of the Canadian parliamentary system.	1 1 2	
2.	Compare and contrast the roles of the House of Commons and the Senate in our parliamentary system.	6	
3.	Discuss how a bill becomes a law in Canada's Federal Parliament.	6	
4.	Describe four major powers or duties of the Prime Minister of Canada.	4	
5.	Distinguish between the terms "representative" and "responsible" government.	4	
6.	Discuss which concept you believe more adequately represents the overall Canadian political culture – melting pot or multicultural. Provide reasons and examples in your answer.	4	
7.	List three powers of the federal government as described in section 91 and three powers of the provincial government in section 92 of the <u>Canada Act, 1867</u> (formally known as the <u>BNA Act, 1867</u> ). Also, indicate what the residual clause of the constitution is.	8	
8.	What is a <b>vote of non-confidence</b> in the Canadian Parliament and describe how it impacts Parliamentary Supremacy.	6	
9.	Provide two reasons for, and one reason against, Senate reform.	4	
10.	Discuss the role of the party leader in a national political party. To what extent do party leaders determine the electoral success of a political party?	2 2	
11.	Explain the significance of Aboriginal title and rights, as they relate to the Royal Proclamation of 1763.	4	

12.	Describe who is a Status Indian under the <u>Indian Act</u> .	2	
13.	Describe three assimilationist policies, instituted by the Canadian Government, which negatively impacted Aboriginal people.	6	
14.	Name two First Nations Treaties concluded before Confederation, two concluded between Confederation and 1976, and two after 1976.	6	
15.	Discuss the significance of the Delgamuukw Case and why it is widely held as a landmark decision in the interpretation of aboriginal rights and title.	6	
16.	Distinguish between specific and comprehensive claims.	4	
17.	Outline the major issue and final decision of each of the following important Aboriginal court cases: a) the Guerin Case. b) the Sparrow Case. c) the Calder Case.	6	
18.	Describe the key components of the Nisga'a Treaty Settlement.	4	
19.	Identify the three parties involved in the British Columbia Treaty Process and explain the role of the BC Treaty Commission in the Treaty process.	4	
20.	Describe the six steps of the British Columbia Treaty Process.	6	
21.	What are Interim Measures?	2	
	<b>Total Marks:</b>	100	