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**PROFESSIONAL EXAM #3  
GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES & ABORIGINAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES**

**October 2012**

This examination consists of 16 questions on 2 pages

<b><u>Q. No</u></b>	<b><u>Time: 3 hours</u></b>	<b><u>Marks</u></b>	
		Value	Earned
1.	Define and explain the political significance of <b>nine</b> of the following ten terms. a) Socio-economic Status b) Distinct Society c) Party Whip d) Pressure Group e) Minority Government f) Question Period g) Notwithstanding clause in the Charter h) Responsible government i) P.M.O. j) Committee of the Whole	18	
2.	Describe how a person becomes a Senator and indicate two major roles of the Senate of Canada.	6	
3.	Discuss two examples of how Canada's political system has been decentralized, providing more power to the provinces, since 1980.	6	
4.	Discuss how a bill becomes a law in Canada's Federal Parliament.	6	
5.	What are customs and conventions of the Canadian Constitution and provide two examples?	6	
6.	What is a referendum and identify three noteworthy referendums in Canadian political history.	4	

7.	Name and describe the type of electoral system Canada maintains. Also, provide a suggestion on how to improve voter turnout in federal elections.	4	
8.	Define and explain <b>eight</b> of the following nine terms for two marks each. a) Status Indian b) Category A Lands c) Category B Lands d) Fiduciary obligation e) Section 35 of the <u>Canada Act</u> f) Extinguishment g) Comprehensive Claim h) Specific Claim i) T.L.E. Lands	16	
9.	Describe three significant examples of the assimilation of First Nations people since confederation.	6	
10.	Explain the significance of Aboriginal title and rights as they relate to the Royal Proclamation of 1763.	4	
11.	Recently the Federal Government has indicated that it would like to provide private property rights for Status Indians on reserves. Describe what would have to have happen in the Indian Act for this to occur and also discuss one way that this would have a positive impact and one way this would have a negative impact on First Nations.	6	
12.	Discuss that significance of the Delgamuukw Case and why it is widely held as a landmark decision in the interpretation of aboriginal rights and title.	4	
13.	Outline the major issue and final decision of each of the following important Aboriginal court cases: a) the Guerin Case. b) the Sparrow Case.	4	
15	Describe the major land provisions of the Nisga'a Treaty.	4	
16.	Describe the six steps of the British Columbia Treaty negotiation process.	6	
	<b>Total Marks:</b>	100	