

Social 30-2 Related Issues 3 & 4

Use the following source to answer the 2 questions that follow.

Party and Cabinet Solidarity Practises

Party solidarity means that all members of the governing political party must support their party's decisions even if the people they represent in their constituencies do not agree with a particular decision. If they do not, they will most likely be kicked out of their party. In addition, cabinet ministers cannot separate themselves from, or reject, the decisions of their cabinet colleagues unless they resign from the cabinet.

1. The **main** argument **against** party and cabinet solidarity practises is that

2. The **main** argument **in favour** of party and cabinet solidarity practises is that these practises

Use the following political cartoon to answer the question that follows.



3. A dictator like Stalin would respond to the above cartoon by arguing that
 - A. Executive power like the judiciary must be concentrated into the hands of a knowledgeable leader.
 - B. Independent judiciaries are overrated. I am the sole decision maker in the USSR.
 - C. Legislative bodies like the judiciary are not good for the people of the USSR.
 - D. All dissenters should be eliminated from the USSR.

4. In a representative democracy, representation by population ensures that

5. A national referendum in response to the Charlottetown Accord (Agreement) in 1992 ended with 54 percent of Canadians voting against it. As a result, the federal government did not go ahead with the proposed changes to the Constitution. This means that government listened to
- A. The free vote
 - B. Party solidarity
 - C. The will of the people
 - D. Consensus decision making

Use the following source to answer the question that follows.

Some Building Blocks of Democracy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free speech 3. Fair elections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Equality Rights 4. ??????????
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6. Identify a term that would replace the question marks.

Use the following source to answer the question that follows.

The death of democracy is not likely to be quick and painless. It will be a slow extinction from apathy.

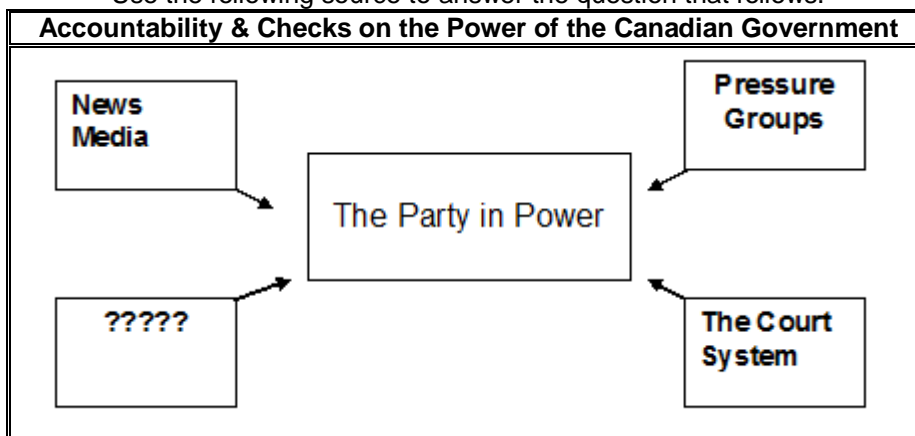
7. The author of this quotation believes that he **most serious threat** to democracy comes from

Use the following source to answer the question that follows.

The only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised by government over any member of a civilized community against his will, is to prevent harm to others. *John Stuart Mill*

8. Mill is expressing his belief that a government must be able to
- A. make political choices for people
 - B. follow the beliefs of the majority
 - C. preserve the personal security of citizens
 - D. satisfy the demands of powerful minorities
9. Historically, under what conditions have Canadian governments and liberal democracies used special laws such as the War Measures Act to limit or eliminate civil rights?
10. The practice of accepting private donations to help finance election campaigns is often **criticized** on the basis that candidates might be

Use the following source to answer the question that follows.



11. Which correctly completes the above diagram?

- A. Civil Servants B. Military Leaders C. Cabinet Ministers D. Opposition Parties

Use the following sources to answer the 2 questions that follow.

Should participation in extremist political movements in Canada be illegal?	
<p style="text-align: center;">Candidate I</p> <p>Yes, I believe that such participation should be illegal. Organizations are called extremist for a good reason. Their ideas about how to run a nation are abnormal. Extremists do not want to reform or remodel the existing system, they want to overthrow it. Any group proposing radical changes that would endanger our current system must be banned.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Candidate II</p> <p>Extremist groups must not only be tolerated, they must also have full rights of participation in the democratic process, even if their goals mean an end to democracy. What kind of democracy would we have if we did not allow people to express their own ideas? Surely if a democracy is stable, it will survive threats from a few radicals.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Candidate III</p> <p>Defining who is and who is not an extremist is very much a judgment call. Who would decide? We must tolerate extremist groups no matter how unpleasant their ideas. If their members break the laws of the nation, then governments must punish the guilty. This will send a clear message to all extremists that despite their beliefs, they must still obey the law. The government should only act against such groups when just cause exists.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Candidate IV</p> <p>In recent years, many nations have seen first hand the “work” of extremists who are motivated by hatred of other ethnic or religious groups. This extremism cannot be tolerated. Its beliefs and practices violate a fundamental principle of democracy: that all citizens are equal. Though I am against laws to eliminate groups on the political fringes, I fully support actions to shut down movements that do not tolerate differences among people.</p>

12. Which two candidates **most strongly disagree** over the issue?

13. Which problem related to extremist groups does **Candidate III** identify?

- A. Extremist groups often break the law.
- B. Who should have the power to decide what groups are extremist?
- C. Banned extremist groups will become “heroes” in the eyes of the people.
- D. Extremist groups are underground movements that are impossible to identify.

Use the following election results to answer the question that follows.

Party	Seats	% of MP's in the House of Commons	% of Popular Vote	# of Seats Using Proportional Representation
Bloc Québécois	54	17.5	12.4	38
Conservative	99	32.1	29.6	91
Green Party	0	0	4.3	13
Independent	0	0	0.4	1
Liberal	135	43.8	36.7	113
Marijuana Party	0	0	0.3	1
N.D.P.	19	6.2	15.7	48
No Affiliation	1	0.3	0.1	0

14. According to the results of the 2008 Canadian Federal Election, which political party would have benefited **most** from a proportional representation electoral system instead of the “first past the post system” Canada has now?
15. The type of political organization that allows for the **most** individual participation in decision making is
16. Of the following statements, which is **best** reflects a principle of modern liberalism?
- The role of government is to strive for consensus (agreement) among competing political parties
 - The role of government is to provide equal economic opportunities for all citizens.
 - The role of government is to promote greater equality for individuals.
 - The role of government is to always reflect the will of the people.

Use the following source to answer the question that follows.

In Canada, freedom of speech is subject to libel laws, freedom of the press to the Official Secrets Act, and freedom of assembly to laws against riot or property damage.

17. This statement reflects a belief that in a liberal democracy

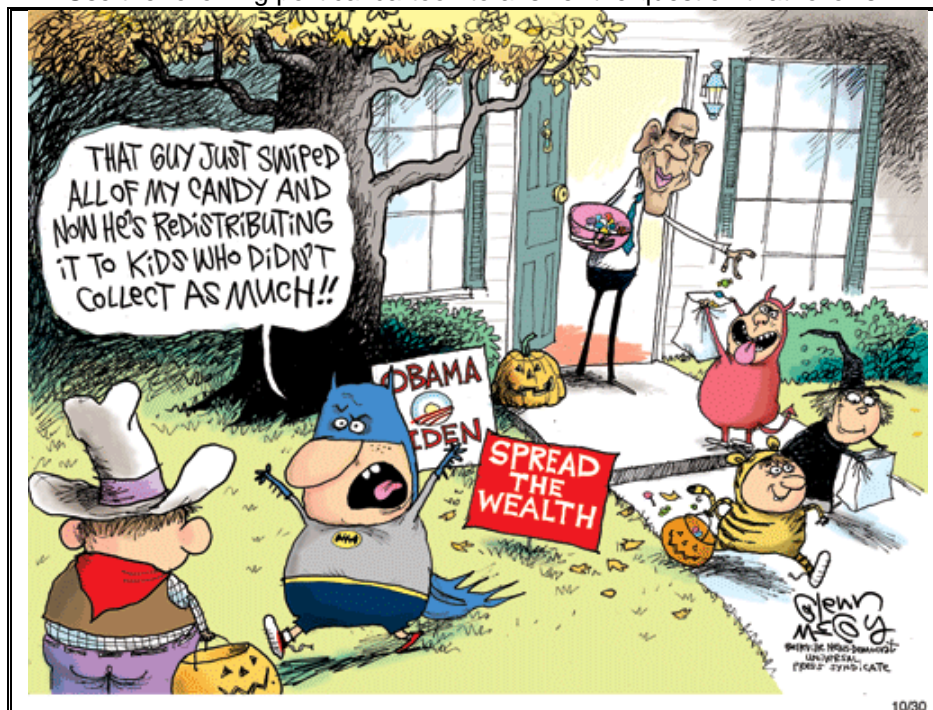
Use the following election results to answer the question that follows.

A student made the following study notes regarding parliamentary democracy in Canada:

- Budgets and legislative policy is primarily created and guided through Parliament by the Cabinet.
- MPs are expected to be members of a team that presents a united approach to support government proposals
- MPs must vote the way their political party wants them to or they are kicked out
- Individual MPs do not have much power to bring about political change

18. The **main issue** arising from these study notes is: “**Should the Canadian parliamentary system be reformed to better**”
19. Which of the following changes to the Canadian political system would **better** reflect the principles of liberal democracy?
- Establishing more and better ways for citizen participation in decision making.
 - Establishing a method of sharing responsibilities for all Members of Parliament.
 - Establishing a greater sense of collective responsibility in cabinet.
 - Increasing the power of the Prime Minister
20. From a modern liberal perspective, when societies are faced with acts of violence from terrorist organization, the **most fundamental danger** is that the government may be forced to
21. A **major criticism** capitalism and market economies is that

Use the following political cartoon to answer the question that follows.



22. The action expressed in the cartoon that would be most acceptable to an advocate (someone in favour of) of (Identify the ideology of the cartoon's **supporters**)

23. An economic goal common to **all** ideologies is that the role of government is to promote

Use the following sources to answer the 2 questions that follow.

Source 1			
<u>Advantages of Economy AA</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • economic egalitarianism through equal distribution of wealth • stability – avoid economic booms and busts (recessions and depressions) 			
<u>Disadvantages of Economy AA</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • little incentive to work hard • inefficiency and waste 			
<u>Advantages of Economy BB</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • competition creates efficiency • efficiency creates lower prices for consumers 			
<u>Advantages of Economy AA</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • instability (boom and bust economic cycle) • wide income gap between rich and poor 			
<u>Advantages of Economy CC</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promotes greater equality through social welfare programs • government intervention is more likely when there is an economic crisis 			
<u>Disadvantages of Economy CC</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high taxes • more reliance on government 			
Source 2			
Communism (Command Economy)	Democratic Socialism	Modern Liberalism (Mixed Economy)	Classical Liberalism (Free-Market Economy)

24. Which statement is correct?

- A. Economy AA is represented by Number 1 on the spectrum.
- B. Economy AA is represented by Number 2 on the spectrum.
- C. Economy AA is represented by Number 3 on the spectrum.
- D. Economy AA is represented by Number 4 on the spectrum.

25. Which statement is correct?

- A. Economy BB is represented by Number 1 on the spectrum.
- B. Economy BB is represented by Number 2 on the spectrum.
- C. Economy BB is represented by Number 3 on the spectrum.
- D. Economy BB is represented by Number 4 on the spectrum.

Use the following source to answer the 3 questions that follow.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. 90 % of businesses in Sweden are privately owned II. The ownership of private property and the concentration of wealth are higher in Sweden than in the rest of Europe. III. Sweden provides universal health care, dental care, child care and old age pensions for all citizens IV. Taxes rates in Sweden are among the highest in the world.

26. According to these statements, Sweden attempts to balance
- Individual rights and public property
 - The will of the people and national interest
 - Economic freedom and economic cooperation
 - Economic freedom and collective responsibility
27. According to this information, the Swedish government intervenes in the economy to the extent that it
- Encourages private enterprise at the expense of the common good
 - Prevents corporate monopolies on goods and services
 - Provides social programs with high taxes
 - Restricts foreign ownership of industry
28. Which of the statements from the source would most likely be used to **criticize** the Swedish “welfare state”?
29. A **major** challenge faced by liberal democracies is to balance minority rights with
30. A **disadvantage** of having a flat rate of taxation for all income levels is that
31. All of the following values are associated with communism and command economies such as Cuba **except**
- Egalitarianism
 - Public Ownership of the means of production
 - “Cradle to Grave” care
 - Profit Motive

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Interest Rates Cut By Simon Kennedy and Craig Torres

Nov. 7 (Bloomberg) -- The age of free money may be at hand. The United Kingdom central bank cut interest rates to the lowest level since 1955. France's central bank followed with its second interest rate cut in a month, to 3.25 percent. Interest rates were also cut in the Czech Republic, Switzerland and Denmark following the decisions last week by the US Federal Reserve to drop its interest rate to 1 percent, matching the lowest interest rates in fifty years. The central bank of South Korea today cut its interest rates for a third time in a month.

32. The intended **purpose** of the interest rate cuts described in the source is to
- build consumer confidence in order to increase spending
 - encourage banks that have been keeping their money to lend more
 - stimulate (increase) consumer spending in order to create employment
 - support bankrupt businesses most harmed by global economic problems
33. All of the following values are associated with communism and command economies **except**
34. Which of the following rights contained in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are considered to be **individual** rights as opposed to collective rights?
- Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Religion
 - Official Language Rights
 - Minority Language Rights
 - Aboriginal Rights

35. All of the following are considered the responsibilities of citizens in Canada **except**
36. Which of the following statements **best** reinforces the idea that personal identity can become closely tied to one's ideological beliefs?
- A. People regarded as being liberal-minded often support laws designed to preserve personal freedom.
 - B. During provincial elections a large portion of Alberta's eligible voters choose to, or do not bother to, vote.
 - C. The use of a secret ballot in Canada helps ensure that the choice the voter makes will remain confidential if the voter so chooses.
 - D. Some people, when asked to describe themselves, will refer to their political affiliation, such as "social democrat" or "modern liberal".

Use the following sources to answer the question that follows.



37. Taken together, the **main message** of the sources is that citizens should
38. Many social activists have become concerned with the growth of individualism and an "every man for himself" attitude. Which statement **best** describes the belief that such social activists would hold?
- A. Citizens should be more concerned with the decisions of government.
 - B. Citizens should be more concerned with environmental issue.
 - C. Citizens should be more concerned with the welfare of others
 - D. Citizens should be more concerned with business profits
39. Of the following statements, which is **most consistent** with the principles of modern liberalism?
- A. The role of government is to strive for consensus (agreement) among competing political parties
 - B. The role of government is to provide equal economic opportunities for all citizens.
 - C. The role of government is to promote greater equality for individuals.
 - D. The role of government is to always reflect the will of the people.
40. Canada's NATO involvement in Afghanistan and the issue of Quebec separation **share** the characteristic of
- A. dividing public opinion
 - B. making Canada a target for terrorists
 - C. creating violent protests and riots
 - D. creating citizen demands for an election