### Socials 11 Exam Review Sheet 1: Politics and Government

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| • demonstrate understanding of the political spectrum | ☐ define totalitarianism, democracy, liberalism, conservatism, socialism, fascism, and communism  
☐ distinguish among Canada’s and BC’s major political parties in terms of policies, philosophies, and priorities |
| • explain how Canadians can effect change at the federal and provincial levels | ☐ describe the significance of the following in the workings of government:  
  – passage of legislation (including First, Second, and Third Reading; Royal Assent; private members bills)  
  – party discipline versus free votes  
  – cabinet  
  – patronage  
  – Order-in-Council  
☐ compare mechanisms whereby public policy can be changed (e.g., elections, petitions and protests, lobbyists, special interest groups, court actions, media campaigns) |
| • explain how federal and provincial governments are formed in Canada | ☐ describe the elements of the electoral system (e.g., candidates, parties, constituencies, voting, election campaigns)  
☐ distinguish between majority and minority government in terms of benefits and challenges |
| • describe major provisions of the Canadian constitution, including the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, and assess its impact on Canadian society | ☐ demonstrate awareness of precursors to the Canadian constitution (e.g., *British North America Act, Bill of Rights*)  
☐ explain the significance of the “notwithstanding clause” and amending formula  
☐ identify Charter rights and fundamental freedoms (e.g., equality, mobility, legal rights, language rights, education) and potential limitations on those rights  
☐ give examples of the impact of the Charter on Canadian society |
Terms to Know

The political spectrum

Totalitarianism

Democracy

Liberalism

Conservatism

Socialism

Facism

Communism

New Democrat Party

Liberal Party
Conservative Party

Green Party

Parti-Quebec

Majority Government

Minority Government

Coalition Government

Vote of Non-Confidence