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1. Define the following:

- a. Coalition
- b. Constituent
- c. Referendum
- d. Electoral district/riding/constituency
- e. Nomination
- f. Pollsters
- g. Polling station
- h. Advance polls

2. **Define** & then describe the benefits and challenges for each of these types of governments.

Definition	Majority Government –	Minority Governments –
Positives		
Negatives		

3. Define the term **prorogue**. Why is it seen as undemocratic?

4. Under what circumstances might Parliament be dissolved?

5. Write down the 6 steps to a federal election in Canada. (p. 314)

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.

6. Do you think the voting age should be lowered to 17? Why or why not?

7. How are constituencies determined?

8. How often are elections held? Be specific.

9. How are candidates selected by their parties?

10. What is meant by the term party platform? Why is it important?

11. Why are public opinion polls valuable to political parties?

12. What is the purpose of election campaigns? How are they funded?

13. Explain the term voter apathy. What are the main reasons people do not vote?

14. Explain the positives and negatives for FPTP and STV.

	First Past the Post	Single Transferable Vote
Positives		
Negatives		