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Practice Questions

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1. What is the name of the document that guarantees the rights and freedoms of Canadians?

- A. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- B. Magna Carta
- C. The right to vote in elections
- D. The Oath of Citizenship

2. In what year did the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms become part of the Constitution?

- A. It is a right and responsibility that shapes the government
- B. The Oath of Citizenship
- C. Pluralism and respect for diversity
- D. 1982

3. Name one fundamental freedom protected by the Charter.

- A. The right to vote in elections
- B. English and French
- C. Freedom of conscience and religion
- D. It is a right and responsibility that shapes the government

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4. What does 'freedom of expression' include in Canada?

- A. Recycle and avoid waste
- B. It is a right and responsibility that shapes the government
- C. Freedom of speech and of the press
- D. Magna Carta



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5. Where do many of Canada's laws and freedoms originate?

- A. Both a right and a responsibility
- B. The right to vote in elections
- C. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- D. English common law, the civil code of France, and the unwritten constitution inherited from Britain

6. What is meant by 'habeas corpus'?

- A. Loyalty to Canada and respect for its laws
- B. The right to challenge unlawful detention by the state
- C. A legal responsibility (duty)
- D. Freedom of speech and of the press

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7. Name one legal right that Canadian citizens have.

- A. 1982
- B. Spousal abuse
- C. Magna Carta
- D. The right to vote in elections

8. Name one responsibility of Canadian citizenship.

- A. Obeying the law
- B. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- C. Magna Carta
- D. The right to vote in elections

9. Is voting in an election a right or a responsibility of a citizen?

- A. A legal responsibility (duty)
- B. English common law, the civil code of France, and the unwritten constitution inherited from Britain
- C. Both a right and a responsibility
- D. Freedom of conscience and religion

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10. What are the two official languages of Canada?

- A. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- B. It is a right and responsibility that shapes the government
- C. Get involved in your community and learn about Canada
- D. English and French

11. What is one way you can protect the environment as a citizen?

- A. Both a right and a responsibility
- B. English and French
- C. Spousal abuse
- D. Recycle and avoid waste

12. Serving on a jury is what kind of duty for a citizen?

- A. Loyalty to Canada and respect for its laws
- B. The right to live and work anywhere in Canada
- C. A legal responsibility (duty)
- D. Magna Carta

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13. What is the equality right of men and women in Canada?

- A. The right to challenge unlawful detention by the state
- B. Freedom of speech and of the press
- C. Men and women are equal under the law
- D. The Oath of Citizenship

14. Name one barbaric cultural practice that is a crime in Canada.

- A. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- B. Obeying the law
- C. Both a right and a responsibility
- D. Spousal abuse

15. What should you do to become a fully participating member of Canadian society?

- A. Men and women are equal under the law
- B. A legal responsibility (duty)
- C. Recycle and avoid waste
- D. Get involved in your community and learn about Canada



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16. From what early English law document do Canadians inherit many freedoms?

- A. Get involved in your community and learn about Canada
- B. 1982
- C. The right to vote in elections
- D. Magna Carta

17. Are religious freedom and freedom of conscience protected in Canada?

- A. The right to vote in elections
- B. Recycle and avoid waste
- C. Yes, by the Charter
- D. English common law, the civil code of France, and the unwritten constitution inherited from Britain

18. What are mobility rights in the Charter?

- A. Magna Carta
- B. Yes, by the Charter
- C. The right to live and work anywhere in Canada
- D. English and French

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19. Multiculturalism is a feature of which Canadian value?

- A. Magna Carta
- B. Spousal abuse
- C. Both a right and a responsibility
- D. Pluralism and respect for diversity

20. What loyalty do Canadians share regardless of background?

- A. Recycle and avoid waste
- B. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- C. Magna Carta
- D. Loyalty to Canada and respect for its laws



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21. What must you swear or affirm to become a citizen?

- A. Obeying the law
- B. The Oath of Citizenship
- C. Magna Carta
- D. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

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22. Why is it important to vote in elections?

- A. Freedom of conscience and religion
- B. Yes, by the Charter
- C. Get involved in your community and learn about Canada
- D. It is a right and responsibility that shapes the government

23. Who are the three founding peoples of Canada?

- A. Anglophones
- B. English and French
- C. Aboriginal, French and British peoples
- D. The cultural diversity of Canadians

24. What are the three groups of Aboriginal peoples in Canada?

- A. First Nations, Métis and Inuit
- B. Descendants of French colonists who settled in the Maritimes from the 1600s
- C. Québécois
- D. Michif

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25. Who are the Métis?

- A. Equal
- B. People of mixed Aboriginal and European ancestry
- C. Aboriginal, French and British peoples
- D. English and French



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26. Who are the Inuit?

- A. Francophones
- B. Aboriginal people of the Arctic
- C. First Nations, Métis and Inuit
- D. English and French

27. What does the word 'Inuit' mean?

- A. First Nations, Métis and Inuit
- B. 'The people'
- C. Québécois
- D. English and French

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28. Which Aboriginal group is the largest?

- A. People of mixed Aboriginal and European ancestry
- B. Francophones
- C. Descendants of French colonists who settled in the Maritimes from the 1600s
- D. First Nations

29. Which two languages are spoken by Canada's founding English- and French-speaking peoples?

- A. First Nations
- B. About 18 million
- C. Anglophones
- D. English and French

30. In which province do most French-speaking Canadians live?

- A. Francophones
- B. Anglophones
- C. First Nations
- D. Quebec



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Answer Key & Explanations

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1. A — The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, enacted in 1982, is part of the Constitution and sets out the basic rights and freedoms of everyone in Canada.

2. D — 1982

The Charter was added to the Constitution in 1982 when Canada patriated its Constitution.

3. C — Freedom of conscience and religion

The Charter lists four fundamental freedoms: conscience and religion; thought, belief, opinion and expression (including the press); peaceful assembly; and association.

4. C — Freedom of speech and of the press

Freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression includes freedom of speech and of the press.

5. D — English common law, the civil code of France, and the unwritten constitution inherited from Britain

Canadian law draws on English common law, the French civil code, and centuries of English parliamentary tradition, including the Magna Carta of 1215.

6. B — The right to challenge unlawful detention by the state

Habeas corpus, from English common law, is the right to challenge unlawful detention or imprisonment.

7. D — The right to vote in elections

Citizens have the right to vote and run for office, to enter and leave Canada freely, and to apply for a Canadian passport.

8. A — Obeying the law

Responsibilities include obeying the law, serving on a jury, voting, helping in the community, supporting yourself and your family, and caring for Canada's heritage and environment.

9. C — Both a right and a responsibility

Voting is described in Discover Canada as both a right and a responsibility of citizenship.

10. D — English and French

English and French are Canada's two official languages and are equal in status across the federal government.

11. D — Recycle and avoid waste

Caring for and protecting Canada's natural heritage and environment is one of the responsibilities of citizenship.

12. C — A legal responsibility (duty)

When called to do so, serving on a jury is a legal responsibility of Canadian citizens.



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13. C — Men and women are equal under the law

In Canada, men and women are equal under the law. Canada's openness does not extend to barbaric cultural practices that tolerate violence against women.

14. D — Spousal abuse

Canada's openness does not tolerate spousal abuse, "honour killings," female genital mutilation, forced marriage or other gender-based violence; those who commit them are punished under Canada's criminal laws.

15. D — Get involved in your community and learn about Canada

Getting involved in the community and getting to know Canada helps newcomers become full participants in society.

16. D — Magna Carta

The Magna Carta of 1215 in England is known as the Great Charter of Freedoms and is a foundation of Canadian rights.

17. C — Yes, by the Charter

Freedom of conscience and religion is one of the fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Charter.

18. C — The right to live and work anywhere in Canada

Mobility rights let citizens live and work anywhere in Canada, enter and leave the country, and apply for a passport.

19. D — Pluralism and respect for diversity

Canadians value multiculturalism: people of many origins live together peacefully while sharing loyalty to Canada.

20. D — Loyalty to Canada and respect for its laws

Citizens of every background share a loyalty to Canada, a commitment to its laws, and respect for one another.

21. B — The Oath of Citizenship

New citizens take the Oath of Citizenship, pledging loyalty to the Sovereign and to faithfully observe the laws of Canada.

22. D — It is a right and responsibility that shapes the government

Voting lets citizens choose their representatives and is both a right and a responsibility of citizenship.

23. C — Aboriginal, French and British peoples

Canada is built on three founding peoples: Aboriginal (Indigenous), French and British.

24. A — First Nations, Métis and Inuit

The Aboriginal peoples include First Nations (Indians), the Métis, and the Inuit, each with distinct heritage.

25. B — People of mixed Aboriginal and European ancestry

The Métis are a distinct people of mixed Aboriginal and European ancestry, the majority living in the Prairie provinces; many speak Michif.

26. B — Aboriginal people of the Arctic

The Inuit, whose name means 'the people' in Inuktitut, live in small, scattered communities across the Arctic.



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27. B — 'The people'

'Inuit' means 'the people' in the Inuktitut language.

28. D — First Nations

About 65% of Aboriginal people are First Nations; the rest are Métis and Inuit.

29. D — English and French

English-speaking and French-speaking Canadians have lived together for centuries; English and French are the official languages.

30. D — Quebec

The majority of French-speaking (Francophone) Canadians live in Quebec, though Francophone communities exist across Canada.



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