ONTARIO PRACTICE TESTS

Canadian Citizenship Test: 100 Key Questions

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Questions and answers based on Discover Canada, the official study guide

Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship

1. In what year was Magna Carta signed in England?
✓ **1215**

2. Where does habeas corpus come from?
✓ **English common law**

3. Under official language rights, what status do English and French have?
✓ **Equal status in Parliament and throughout the government**

4. What happens in Canada to people guilty of forced marriage or "honour killings"?
✓ **They are severely punished under criminal laws**

5. Which is a responsibility of Canadian citizens?
✓ **Taking responsibility for oneself and one's family**

6. Which is a part-time way to serve in Canada's military?
✓ **The naval, militia or air reserves**

7. According to the Oath of Citizenship, what does the Constitution recognize and affirm?
✓ **The Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples**

8. Freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression includes which freedoms?
✓ **Freedom of speech and of the press**

9. Which part of the Charter is listed together with Official Language Rights?
✓ **Minority Language Educational Rights**

10. According to the guide, what does work contribute to?
✓ **Personal dignity, self-respect and Canada's prosperity**

Who We Are

11. Canada has the oldest continuous what in the world?
✓ **Constitutional tradition**

12. From where are the ancestors of Aboriginal peoples believed to have come?
✓ **Asia**

13. When did the term "First Nations" come into use?
✓ **In the 1970s**

14. Where do the majority of Métis live?
✓ **In the Prairie provinces**

15. What was the "Great Upheaval"?
✓ **The deportation of more than two-thirds of the Acadians**

16. Which religious group is the largest in Canada, according to the guide?
✓ **Catholics**

17. What happened to Aboriginal languages and cultural practices in residential schools?
✓ **They were mostly prohibited**

18. When was John Buchan, Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada?
✓ **1935 to 1940**

19. Who established the basic way of life in the English-speaking areas of Canada?
✓ **English, Welsh, Scottish and Irish settlers**

20. According to the guide, which languages are the second most spoken at home, after English, in Vancouver and Toronto?
✓ **Chinese languages**

Canada's History

21. What is the name of the Viking settlement site in Newfoundland that is now a World Heritage site?
✓ **L'Anse aux Meadows**

22. About how many Loyalists fled the United States to settle in Nova Scotia and Quebec?
✓ **More than 40,000**

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23. During the War of 1812, who captured Detroit?
✓ **Major-General Sir Isaac Brock**

24. According to the guide, who became the first head of a responsible government in Canada, in 1849?
✓ **Sir Louis-Hippolyte La Fontaine**

25. What did the Head Tax do?
✓ **Charged a race-based entry fee to Chinese immigrants**

26. Who became the first woman elected to Parliament (MP), in 1921?
✓ **Agnes Macphail**

27. Jacques Cartier was the first European to explore which river?
✓ **The St. Lawrence River**

28. In 1840, Upper and Lower Canada were united as what?
✓ **The Province of Canada**

29. Whose portrait is on the Canadian $5 bill, according to the guide?
✓ **Sir Wilfrid Laurier**

30. After Vimy Ridge, Canadians gained a reputation for valour as what?
✓ **The "shock troops of the British Empire"**

Modern Canada

31. What organization is the trade treaty GATT now known as?
✓ **The World Trade Organization (WTO)**

32. Which organization did Canada join with the United States to defend North American airspace?
✓ **NORAD (North American Aerospace Defence Command)**

33. Which province did not agree when the Constitution was amended in 1982?
✓ **Quebec**

34. By the 1960s, what share of Canadians had origins that were neither British nor French?
✓ **One-third**

35. Denys Arcand is known as a famous Canadian what?
✓ **Filmmaker**

36. In 1980, Terry Fox started the "Marathon of Hope" to raise money for what?
✓ **Cancer research**

37. Which Nobel Prize-winning scientist came to Canada as a refugee from Nazi Germany?
✓ **Gerhard Herzberg**

38. Dr. Wilder Penfield of McGill University was a pioneering what?
✓ **Brain surgeon**

39. Which places does the guide name as sites of UN peacekeeping missions with Canadian participation?
✓ **Egypt, Cyprus and Haiti**

40. Which Canadian writers does the guide say have diversified Canada's literary experience?
✓ **Joy Kogawa, Michael Ondaatje and Rohinton Mistry**

How Canadians Govern Themselves

41. What are three key facts about Canada's system of government?
✓ **A federal state, a parliamentary democracy and a constitutional monarchy**

42. Which of these is a responsibility of the provincial governments?
✓ **Education**

43. Who chooses the Cabinet ministers?
✓ **The Prime Minister**

44. What is the last step before a bill becomes law?
✓ **Royal assent**

45. Who is Canada's head of state?
✓ **The Sovereign (King or Queen)**

46. Who represents the Sovereign in each province?
✓ **The Lieutenant Governor**

47. Who makes up the executive branch of the federal government?
✓ **The Prime Minister and Cabinet**

48. According to the guide, what does federalism allow provinces to do?
✓ **Adopt policies suited to their own populations**

49. At which stage do members debate the principle of a bill?
✓ **Second reading**

50. Which of these countries is also a constitutional monarchy?
✓ **Norway**

Federal Elections

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51. When are federal elections normally held?
✓ **On the third Monday in October, every four years**

52. How many Members of Parliament represent each electoral district?
✓ **One**

53. Which organization keeps the National Register of Electors?
✓ **Elections Canada**

54. What should you bring with you when you go to vote?
✓ **Your voter information card and proof of identity and address**

55. When are the ballots counted in a federal election?
✓ **Right after the polls close**

56. Which group prepares the federal budget and proposes most new laws?
✓ **The Cabinet**

57. Who leads a municipal (local) council?
✓ **A mayor or reeve**

58. How does the guide describe Elections Canada?
✓ **A neutral agency of Parliament**

59. If the government loses a confidence vote, what does the Prime Minister usually do?
✓ **Asks the Governor General to call an election**

60. Besides a mayor or reeve, who else usually sits on a municipal council?
✓ **Councillors or aldermen**

The Justice System

61. In criminal matters, what does the presumption of innocence mean?
✓ **Everyone is innocent until proven guilty**

62. Who makes the laws in Canada?
✓ **Elected representatives**

63. Under the rule of law, who must obey the law?
✓ **Everyone, including judges, politicians and police**

64. Which court deals with matters concerning the federal government?
✓ **The Federal Court of Canada**

65. Which of these is a reason to ask the police for help?
✓ **Someone is missing**

66. In which provinces and territories does the RCMP act as the provincial police?
✓ **All of them except Ontario and Quebec**

67. If you have a concern about how a police officer treated you, what can you do?
✓ **Use the police force's process to raise your concern**

68. What role do prisons play in the justice system?
✓ **They punish criminals and help deter crime**

69. What are laws, according to the guide?
✓ **Written rules intended to guide people in society**

70. In some provinces, what is the trial court called?
✓ **The Court of King's Bench**

Canadian Symbols

71. Who was the Sovereign when Canada became a constitutional monarchy at Confederation in 1867?
✓ **Queen Victoria**

72. What is the official Royal Flag in Canada?
✓ **The Union Jack**

73. When did Canada adopt an official coat of arms?
✓ **After the First World War**

74. What is Canada's official summer sport?
✓ **Lacrosse**

75. In what year was "O Canada" proclaimed as the national anthem?
✓ **1980**

76. Who was the first Canadian to receive the Victoria Cross?
✓ **Alexander Roberts Dunn**

77. Since what year have red and white been the national colours of Canada?
✓ **1921**

78. Which part of the original Parliament building is the only part still standing?
✓ **The Library**

79. Who introduced curling to Canada?
✓ **Scottish pioneers**

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80. Who was the first member of the Canadian Corps not born in the British Empire to receive the Victoria Cross?
✓ **Corporal Filip Konowal**

Canada's Economy

81. What has always been a main driver of Canada's economic growth?
✓ **Trade with other countries**

82. Which country joined Canada and the United States in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1994?
✓ **Mexico**

83. Canada is a member of which group of leading industrialized countries?
✓ **The G7**

84. In which type of industry do most working Canadians have jobs?
✓ **Service industries**

85. Which list names natural resource industries?
✓ **Forestry, fishing, mining and energy**

86. Which country is Canada's largest international trading partner?
✓ **The United States**

87. How does the guide describe trade between Canada and the United States?
✓ **The largest bilateral trade relationship in the world**

88. According to the guide, what could Canadians not keep without trade with other nations?
✓ **Their standard of living**

89. Banking, retail and tourism are examples of which type of industry?
✓ **Service industries**

90. What words are written on the Peace Arch at the Canada-U.S. border?
✓ **"Children of a common mother"**

Canada's Regions

91. Canada is the world's ___ largest country by area.
✓ **Second**

92. What is the capital of Manitoba?
✓ **Winnipeg**

93. Which is Canada's smallest province?
✓ **Prince Edward Island**

94. Which provinces are the Prairie Provinces?
✓ **Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta**

95. What is Canada's largest and busiest port?
✓ **The Port of Vancouver**

96. In what year was Nunavut created?
✓ **1999**

97. On which river is Ottawa, the national capital, located?
✓ **The Ottawa River**

98. Which is the most populous Atlantic Province, known as the "gateway to Canada"?
✓ **Nova Scotia**

99. About how much of Canada's arable (farm) land is in Saskatchewan?
✓ **40%**

100. In the 1890s, thousands of miners came to the Yukon for what?
✓ **The Gold Rush**

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