SS11 Government Unit
 STUDY SHEET

Deputy Minister  Cabinet Secrecy
Principal Secretary  Cabinet Solidarity
government department  enumeration
House of Commons  nomination
Minister  campaigning
Prorogue  dissolution
royal assent  tabulation
House of Commons  Polling station
Senate (purposes)  Election Expenses Act of 1974
Shadow Cabinet  by-election
order paper  The Kitchen Accord
caucus  Backbencher
Governor General  Speech from the Throne
order-in-council  POGG
bill  Conventions
riding  Committee
Cabinet

Concepts
1. Voting rules
2. Who can be a cabinet minister?
3. What does the PM consider when choosing his cabinet?
4. Who sponsors bills?
5. Which electoral system do we use?
6. What if there is a tie in a vote in the House of Commons?
7. What does the notwithstanding clause do?
8. Who is our Head of State? Head of Government?
9. Where do the parties sit on the political spectrum?
10. Minority vs Majority Gov’t - advantages/disadvantages, how are they formed?
11. What past documents are part of the constitution?
12. What is the amending formula for the constitution?
13. Provincial vs. Federal jurisdiction
14. What are the rules facing Senators?
15. What issues surround the Charter?
16. What are our Fundamental Freedoms?
17. Powers of the Prime Minister
18. What are the four types of entities/structures in the Bureaucracy?
19. How many seats are there in the Senate?
20. How many seats are there in the House of Commons?
21. What is the role of the Senate?
22. How many people in a constituency (riding)?

Possible Long Answer Topics
1. In what ways can an average citizen influence government?
2. Contrast left and right wing political beliefs, making reference to ideologies and political parties.
3. Explain in detail, how a bill becomes a law.
4. Outline, in detail and with examples, the powers of the Prime Minister.
5. Discuss the importance and limits of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
6. Explain the process of a federal election in Canada.
7. How and why should the senate be reformed (make reference to its purpose, weaknesses and solutions)?
Structure of your Social Studies Government Exam

TOTAL: 70 marks

Section 1: True or False (10 marks)
READ THE QUESTION- THINK ABOUT IT!

Section 2: Multiple Choice (40 marks)
Know your stuff!

Section 3: Fill in the Blanks (20 marks)
Not too different from your quizzes.

Section 4: Application (18 marks)
Readings, diagrams, and charts.

Section 5: Long Answer (10 marks)
A well-developed paragraph that explains the topic provided

STUDY TIPS!

READ THE QUESTION!
Reading something does not mean you are learning it!

- Make lists
- Make charts
- Draw diagrams
- Rewrite things
- DO SOMETHING WITH THE INFORMATION!

In your composition:

- Do planning
- Have topic sentences
- Give details