

The Civics Exam has two parts: part one is made up of a series of multiple choice, true/false, matching, etc. questions and part two tests students on their understanding of both how the government works and how legal decisions (related to the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*) are reached. Students can prepare for the test by defining all the terms presented in the table below and then answering the practice short answer questions that follow.

Part 1: Important Terms, Concepts, Names			
Legislative Branch	Executive Branch	Judicial Branch	Responsible Government
House of Commons	Prime Minister	Supreme Court	Constitutional Monarchy
Senate	The Cabinet	Governor General	Parliamentary Democracy
British North America Act	Monarch	Speech from the Throne	Confederation
Statutes of Westminster	Backbenchers	Charter of Rights and Freedoms	Question Period

Part 2: Short Answer Questions

- 1). Explain the entire process a bill goes through on its way to becoming a law.
- 2). List all of the “fundamental freedoms” protected by the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.
Conscience, religion, thought, belief, speech, assembly and association.
- 3). List all of the responsibilities/powers of the Governor General of Canada.
- 4). Use a combination of the Internet and the information presented in “The Top Jobs” reading to answer the following question: why was the King-Byng affair ultimately a “constitutional” crisis?
- 5). What are the three purposes of the Senate?