(D) *Choose a verb from the box to fit in each gap. Use each verb once only. You may need to change the tense/form.*

adopt	shift	hold	extend	question
pledge	turn	run	spin	polarise
call	defeat	nominate	withdraw	ratify
reject	hold	veto	suffer	pursue

1. He _____ from the presidential race for personal reasons and appealed for privacy.
2. The treaty was formally _____ this afternoon and will pass into law once signed by the President later tonight.
3. They _____ a candidate for the vacant leadership position and he was elected unopposed.
4. Since forming a government three months ago, the party has been accused of _____ an extremely liberal agenda.
5. She has confirmed that she will _____ for political office again in the September by-election.
6. Max Dalton has confirmed that he fully intends to be the leader of the party next March when the election is due to be _____.
7. The motion _____ a comprehensive defeat in the lower house.
8. The Prime Minister refused to be drawn on whether the recent press leak would make him _____ the loyalty of some of the members of cabinet.
9. No matter what way the Prime Minister's press office choses to try to _____ this, it looks very bad indeed. This will be a damage-limitation exercise at best.
10. The government _____ to reform the voting system if re-elected.
11. A snap election has been _____ for the 25th June.
12. A referendum will be _____ on the 30th May to settle the issue once and for all.
13. Fewer people _____ out at the polls to vote in this election than ever before.
14. Public opinion has _____ seismically in the wake of these new revelations about the Prime Minister's private life.
15. The motion was narrowly _____ in what will be a major embarrassment for the Prime Minister who had proposed it in the first place.
16. He _____ his term of office by another five years.
17. The debate is becoming _____ and there appears to be little in the way of middle ground between the two sides.
18. The government has the power to _____ this proposal at the next meeting of the UN Security Council should it deem it necessary to do so.
19. The opposition party has been accused of _____ dirty tactics in an effort to boost its popularity by launching a very personal attack on the Prime Minister.
20. The electorate has emphatically _____ the outgoing government and clearly thinks there is a need for urgent change.

(E) *Match each word in* ***Column A*** *with its strongest collocate in* ***Column B***.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) landslide		**(i)** runner
(b) front		**(ii)** donation
(c) exit		**(iii)** reshuffle
(d) political		**(iv)** horse
(e) dark		**(v)** poll
(f) hung		**(vi)** parliament
(g) diplomatic		**(vii)** immunity
(h) cabinet		**(viii)** victory

(F) *Use the answers to* ***(E)*** *above to fill the gaps in the sentences below. You will not need to use all the answers.*

1. The Prime Minister looks set to announce a(n)_____ in response to the resignation of the Finance Minister.
2. There is no doubt that the _____ in this presidential race is James Dott, but Wallis Graham is a potential_____.
3. The latest _____ puts the two parties neck and neck with a(n)_____ the most likely outcome.
4. He has been granted _____ and so will not face prosecution.
5. The government was returned to office in a(n) _____ as expected.

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