

(G) Use the words from the box below to complete the gaps in sentences 1 - 20.

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| gambit | apathy      | raucous        | booth        | bureaucratic |
| spin   | disaffected | rhetoric       | old boys'    |              |
| swing  | ovation     | bipartisan     | whistle-stop |              |
| lame   | appetite    | incumbent      | catalyst     |              |
| budget | partisan    | gerrymandering | unanimous    |              |

- Her clever opening \_\_\_\_\_ gave her the edge in the presidential race.
- His election may prove a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ for real and meaningful change.
- The candidates embarked on a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ tour of the southern states.
- This election looks set to be decided by a handful of \_\_\_\_\_ voters.
- His \_\_\_\_\_ doctors were hard at work this morning trying to put a positive slant on the latest opinion poll figures.
- He is just the breath of fresh air that needed to be injected into this political system which has been for far too long dominated by members of the elite \_\_\_\_\_ club.
- He is looking more and more like the \_\_\_\_\_-duck candidate of this presidential election and cuts a sorry figure on the campaign trail - he will surely pull out of the race before long.
- The polling \_\_\_\_\_s are set to open one hour earlier than normal at 7 a.m.
- Voter \_\_\_\_\_ is the real talking point of this election; politicians on both sides of the political divide have failed to engage the electorate.
- He claims to retain the \_\_\_\_\_ support of the cabinet despite the fact that the murmurings of discontent are growing louder.
- The party's only hope of success is for it to attract \_\_\_\_\_ voters.
- The investigation confirmed that the boundary changes were tantamount to \_\_\_\_\_.
- This looks set to be the most eagerly anticipated \_\_\_\_\_ in living memory with speculation rife that a significant tax cut is on the cards for low-income earners.
- The civil service in this country is very \_\_\_\_\_ in nature and there is a needless amount of paperwork necessary to get even the simplest of things done.
- He received a standing \_\_\_\_\_ after making his final speech to the house.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ president faces a huge challenge in translating his campaign \_\_\_\_\_ into action.
- This is the first genuinely \_\_\_\_\_ government to be formed since the war; the house stands united in the face of the daunting task that lies ahead in trying to rebuild the nation's crumbling economy following a triple-dip recession.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ crowd gathered in support of the candidate and he was greeted with a rousing reception as he made his way to the stage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ laughter broke out in the audience as the unpopular leader made his speech; the extent of the mocking and level of disrespect was frankly disturbing.
- There is a growing \_\_\_\_\_ for change amongst the electorate.

(H) Match the words/phrases in **Box A** to their definitions in **Box B**.

#### Box A

- a republic
- the aristocracy
- a technocracy
- a dictatorship
- fascism
- a monarchy
- a constitutional monarchy
- a totalitarian state
- capitalism
- socialism
- anarchy
- a banana republic

#### Box B

- a small country ruled by a corrupt dictatorship dependent on a single export commodity
- ruled not by a hereditary leader but a government voted for by the people
- a class of people of high social rank
- a general state of lawlessness in the absence of organised government
- a political system founded on the notion of the right to own private property, and committed to free trade
- a political system founded on the notion of public ownership of property and resources, and collective and centralised administration
- a country in which people have no authority and the state absolute control
- a government with a hereditary head of state who holds most of the power
- a political movement based upon the idea of tight, centralised control of all aspects of life
- a democracy with a symbolic hereditary head of state with little power
- a system of rule whereby one person wields all the power
- a system of government which places power in the hands of those who are best qualified from a scientific and technical perspective