A Match the words and phrases to their definitions

1.	term of office		A. The piece of paper on which a vote is recorded
2.	campaign contribution		B. To bribe someone (v) a reward or advantage (n)
3.	head of state		C. To explain, but in this case to amount to
4.	administration		D. Money paid to support someone's election
5.	come in for criticism		E. To be subject to harsh comments
6.	landslide		F. The person at the top of a political system in a country
7.	polls		G. Most central and fundamental
8.	ballots		H. Indicating
9.	core (adj)		I. The current elected group and their activities
10.	pointing to		J. Surveys of likely voting patterns
11.	pay off (v) payoff (n)		K. Result
12.	outcome		L. To act decisively in an important situation
13.	handling		M. An overwhelming electoral victory
14.	accounts for…	C	N. Argue
15.	contend		O. How long you are elected for each time
16.	step up (pv)		P. The manner in which something was done

B Fill in the gaps with the terms above. One of them will need to be used twice.

The _____ of the 2016 US election was expected to be a _____ or at the very least a comfortable victory for Hilary Clinton, who had been Secretary of State during the previous 8 years of the Obama _____ and was hoping there would be a _____ after her years of professionally _____ numerous foreign policy matters.

After Donald Trump won an unexpected victory, the election forecasts _____ a Clinton victory _____ from all sides. They had indicated a 67% likelihood that she would be the next _____ of the world's most powerful democracy, but when the _____ were counted, almost all the _____ were proved wrong. Disgruntled white working class voters _____ many of these unexpected results and they remain the President's _____ of support. Some blamed Clinton for describing them as "a basket of deplorables". However, commentators have since _____ that these voters _____ because they were deliberately targeted by the Trump campaign's clever advertising. We still don't know how he paid for it, as many of the _____ were secret, and this secrecy continued during President Trump's _____. Nobody knows who he might be _____ to keep his secrets.