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

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

1. Her clever opening _____ gave her the edge in the presidential race.
2. His election may prove a(n) _____ for real and meaningful change.
3. The candidates embarked on a(n) _____ tour of the southern states.
4. This election looks set to be decided by a handful of _____ voters.
5. His _____ doctors were hard at work this morning trying to put a positive slant on the latest opinion poll figures.
6. 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.
7. He is looking more and more like the _____-duck candidate of this presidential election and cuts a sorry figure on the campaign trial - he will surely pull out of the race before long.
8. The polling _____s are set to open one hour earlier than normal at 7 a.m.
9. Voter _____ is the real talking point of this election; politicians on both sides of the political divide have failed to engage the electorate.
10. He claims to retain the _____ support of the cabinet despite the fact that the murmurings of discontent are growing louder.
11. The party's only hope of success is for it to attract _____ voters.
12. The investigation confirmed that the boundary changes were tantamount to _____.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. He received a standing _____ after making his final speech to the house.
16. The _____ president faces a huge challenge in translating his campaign _____ into action.
17. 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.
18. A _____ crowd gathered in support of the candidate and he was greeted with a rousing reception as he made his way to the stage.
19. _____ 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.
20. 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

1. a republic
2. the aristocracy
3. a technocracy
4. a dictatorship
5. fascism
6. a monarchy
7. a constitutional monarchy
8. a totalitarian state
9. capitalism
10. socialism
11. anarchy
12. a banana republic

Box B

a. a small country ruled by a corrupt dictatorship dependent on a single export commodity

b. ruled not by a hereditary leader but a government voted for by the people

c. a class of people of high social rank

d. a general state of lawlessness in the absence of organised government

e. a political system founded on the notion of the right to own private property, and committed to free trade

f. a political system founded on the notion of public ownership of property and resources, and collective and centralised administration

g. a country in which people have no authority and the state absolute control

h. a government with a hereditary head of state who holds most of the power

i. a political movement based upon the idea of tight, centralised control of all aspects of life

j. a democracy with a symbolic hereditary head of state with little power

k. a system of rule whereby one person wields all the power

l. a system of government which places power in the hands of those who are best qualified from a scientific and technical perspective

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