ACTIVITY

ELECTIONS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Complete the following.

1. What is the name of the electoral system used in Trinidad and Tobago?

   Answer: The _____ system.

2. Under this electoral system, the _____ who obtains the most votes in a constituency is declared the winner of the seat. The _____ that wins most seats is declared the winner of the elections and is asked to form the new Cabinet (executive branch of government).

3. Add the word which matches each definition.

Term	Meaning
	promised plan for the country should a political party win the election
The	the organization responsible for running the elections, counting the votes and declaring winners

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	political party representatives who stay at the voting station to help ensure that the voting process is free and fair
	trying to convince the electorate to vote for a candidate
	a person who is nominated for election
	used to predict election results

4. Name the factors influencing political choice.

_____: individuals choose candidates and political parties to support based on what they want and like.

_____: willingness to embrace differing views before deciding for whom to vote.

_____: individuals may be influenced by family members and friends when choosing a candidate or political party.

_____: the track record of the previous party in power can determine if they would be supported again.

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_____: used to increase the appeal of a candidate and/or political party.

5. Put the following Election Day activities in order by numbering them:

Votes are counted, and winners are declared.	6
Ballot boxes are opened by officials.	
Polls are closed at 6:00 p.m. on Election Day.	
The ballot paper is folded and slipped through a small opening in a locked ballot box.	
Polls open at 6:00 a.m. on Election Day	
Voters stamp an 'X' on the ballot paper next to the details of the candidate of their choice.	

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