

(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
pledge
call
reject

shift
turn
defeat
hold

hold
run
nominate
veto

extend
spin
withdraw
suffer

question
polarise
ratify
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 chooses 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.