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400 Must Have Words for the TOEFL LESSON 25 – Politics Vocabulary Test

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1. Find the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to each word below.

policy
A) a process of choosing
B) a kind of power
C) a kind of person
D) a way of handling a situation
E) a kind of group

2. **candidate**
A) a process of choosing
B) a kind of power
C) a kind of person
D) a way of handling a situation
E) a kind of group

3. **authority**
A) a process of choosing
B) a kind of power
C) a kind of person
D) a way of handling a situation
E) a kind of group

4. **coalition**
A) a process of choosing
B) a kind of power
C) a kind of person
D) a way of handling a situation
E) a kind of group

5. **election**
A) a process of choosing
B) a kind of power
C) a kind of person
D) a way of handling a situation
E) a kind of group

6. **Complete each sentence by filling in each blank with the best word. Change the form of the word if necessary. Use each word only once.**

In the early twentieth century, politicians fought _____ about whether the U.S. dollar should be based on gold.
A) advocated **B)** bitterly
C) contest **D)** inaugurated
E) polled

7. Only one month after he was _____, President Harrison fell sick and died.
A) advocated **B)** bitterly
C) contest **D)** inaugurated
E) polled

8. My opponent says that I cheated on my taxes. I _____ that charge, and I will prove him wrong.
A) advocated **B)** bitterly
C) contest **D)** inaugurated
E) polled

9. Their predictions about the election results were not very accurate because they _____ too few people in advance.
A) advocated **B)** bitterly
C) contest **D)** inaugurated
E) polled

10. Last year, the Freedom Party _____ giving medical treatment even to people who could not pay for it.
A) advocated **B)** bitterly
C) contest **D)** inaugurated
E) polled

Read the passage to review the vocabulary you have learned. Answer the questions that follow.

In the history of U.S. presidential **elections**, the year 1876 stands out as one of the oddest. That year, **polls** suggested that one person had won the popular vote but another had won more official electoral votes—just as happened in the year 2000. In 1876, however, the election was so **bitterly contested** that a special electoral commission was given the **authority** to determine which **candidate**—Republican Rutherford B. Hayes or Democrat Samuel J. Tilden—had won. This commission represented a **coalition** of interests. The Democrats favored this because otherwise the head of the Senate, Republican Thomas Ferry, would probably have been allowed to declare the winner. In the end, the Democrats were disappointed, as the commission **advocated** the Republican cause. The situation was not settled until March 2 of 1877, only three days before the scheduled **inauguration** of a new president—Hayes, **as it turned out**. Only then did America find out who its new leader would be. Americans seem not to have learned many lessons from 1876, however, because in 2000 there was still no official **policy** on how to settle an election that hung on a few contested votes. The problem was settled (by the Supreme Court) much faster in 2000, but still, no real system had been set up to deal with the situation.

***Bonus Structure*— As it turned out** *is an adverbial*

clause indicating an eventual resolution of a long-standing problem.

11. In what way was the 1876 election even odder than that in 2000?

A) It happened much earlier.

B) It involved only two major candidates.

C) One person won the popular vote and another won the electoral vote.

D) The uncertainty over who would win the presidency lasted many months.

12. Who decided the outcome of the 1876 election?

A) a special electoral commission

B) Thomas Ferry

C) the Supreme Court

D) Rutherford B. Hayes

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