ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Everyday Vocabulary Elections Test

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Explanations

1. (Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)

ELECTIONS

People sometimes try to _____ the result of an election weeks before it takes place.
✔ **C) predict**
To **predict** means to say what will happen before it happens. People try to guess the result weeks before the election. Not **vote**, because you vote in an election, not for its result.

2. This is called a (an) _____.
✔ **A) opinion poll**
An **opinion poll** asks a group of people what they think, here to predict how people will vote. **This** refers to trying to predict the result before the election.

3. Meanwhile, each party conducts its election _____ with meetings, speeches, television commercials and party members going from door to door encouraging people to _____ their party.
✔ **A) campaign**
An **election campaign** is all the planned activity a party does to win votes: meetings, speeches, commercials and door-to-door visits. The collocation is **conduct a campaign**.

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✔ **D) support**
To **support** a party means to be on its side and help it, for example by voting for it. Party members go from door to door asking people to **support their party**.

5. In Britain, everyone over 18 is eligible to _____.
✔ **A) vote**
Eligible to vote means having the right to vote. **Vote** needs no object here. Not **elect**, because **elect** needs an object: **elect a president**.

6. The place where people go to vote in an election is called a _____ and the day of the election is often known as _____ day.
✔ **D) polling station**
A **polling station** is the building where people go to vote. Not **ballot box**, because that is the box you put your vote in, not the place.

7. The place where people go to vote in an election is called a _____ and the day of the election is often known as _____ day.
✔ **D) polling**
Polling day is the day when people vote in an election, especially in British English. **Polling** means voting, as in **polling station**.

8. The voters put their votes in a _____ box and later they are counted.
✔ **B) ballot**
A **ballot box** is the closed box where voters put their voting papers (ballots). The votes are counted later.

9. The _____ with the most votes is then declared the winner.
✔ **C) candidate**
A **candidate** is a person who tries to be elected. The candidate with the most votes wins. Not **voter**, because voters give votes; they do not receive them.

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