ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Politics Vocabulary Quiz: Coalition, Referendum, Treaty, Summit

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Explanations

1. No party won more than half the seats, so the result was a ___.
✔ **C) hung parliament**
In a hung parliament no party has a majority, so no party can govern alone.

2. After the election, the two smaller parties formed a ___ government.
✔ **A) coalition**
In a coalition, two or more parties govern together and share the ministers' jobs.

3. She won 70% of the vote: a ___ victory.
✔ **B) landslide**
A landslide victory is a very big win that is never in doubt.

4. The Prime Minister moved six ministers to new jobs in a cabinet ___.
✔ **D) reshuffle**
In a reshuffle, the leader moves ministers to new jobs, like mixing a pack of cards.

5. Which word describes an MP with no job in the government?
✔ **B) backbencher**
Backbenchers sit on the seats behind the ministers.

6. The country will hold a ___ on the new constitution: every voter answers yes or no.
✔ **A) referendum**
In a referendum, voters answer one question instead of choosing a party.

7. The ___ passed its final vote and became law in June.
✔ **C) bill**
A bill is a plan for a new law. When it passes every stage, it becomes an Act.

8. Only one member said no, but that was enough to stop the plan: she used her ___.
✔ **D) veto**
A veto lets one person or country stop a decision alone.

9. In the UK, the king is the ___, but the Prime Minister runs the government.
✔ **D) head of state**
The head of state represents the whole country; the UK's is the king.

10. In the US, the Senate and the House of Representatives together are called ___.
✔ **A) Congress**
Congress is the American law-making body, and it takes no article.

11. A government's plan for dealing with other countries is its ___.
✔ **B) foreign policy**
Foreign policy covers trade, aid, defence and friendships with other countries.

12. The ___ lives in a flat on the top floor of the ___.
✔ **C) ambassador … embassy**
The ambassador is the senior diplomat; the embassy is the building.

13. Leaders from twenty countries met at a climate ___ in Brazil.
✔ **A) summit**
A summit is a meeting of leaders, named after the top of a mountain.

14. When talks between the ___ failed, the EU imposed ___ on the country.
✔ **B) diplomats … sanctions**
Diplomats hold the talks. Sanctions punish a country without fighting; you impose them on it.

15. The two old ___ signed a new ___ on fishing rights.
✔ **C) allies … treaty**
Allies are countries that stand by each other. Countries sign treaties, not contracts.

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