**Social Studies 9**

**Unit 5: Section 1**

**Assignment 18**

**File Name: 9ssA18**

**Total Marks: /17 = %**

Answer the following questions in complete sentences unless directed otherwise in the instructions. Type your responses between the blue brackets provided.

1. Define the following terms. (4 marks)

a) tax evasion

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b) underground economy

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c) taxation model

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d) platform

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2. How does the underground economy affect the programs and services that government provides for its citizens? Explain **2 to 3 ways** the underground economy may affect **your** quality of life. (5 marks)

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Read the information below and answer the question that follows.

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|  | **Party Platform** |
| **Party A** | * Moderate taxes allow the government to provide some social programs and other government services to everyone. * A combination of individualism and cooperation ensure the public good is met. * People have the freedom to better their own incomes. * Government’s role is to have a partial role in ensuring the well-being of individuals and to have some role in the economy. |
| **Party B** | * Social programs are not provided by government. * Individualism is the way the public good is met. * People are responsible for their own well-being. * Government does not have a role in ensuring the well-being of individuals and does not have a role in the economy. |
| **Party C** | * Government provides extensive social programs. * Cooperation ensures that the public good is met. * Having high taxes ensures social programs and other government services are available for everyone. * Government’s role is to eliminate inequalities in society, to ensure the well-being of individuals, and to play a central role in the economy. |

3. Place the three parties from the chart above in the appropriate location on the economic continuum below. (3 marks)

Planned Economy Mixed Economy Market Economy

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4. In Activity 2, you began to investigate the philosophies and platforms of the Conservative and Liberal parties of Canada and the Republican and Democratic parties of the United States.

For this question, imagine that no borders separate Canada and the United States. Think about how the philosophies and/or platforms of the four parties would affect **your** quality of life.

→ Review the statements of the political parties in this activity **and** on **pages 289 and 290** of the textbook, *Issues for Canadians*.

Answer the following question in a short **paragraph**. (5 marks)

Which political party’s philosophy/platform would have the *best* impact on your quality of life?

Be sure to support your position with **two or three** reasons and examples.

Read the scoring criteria below to ensure your understanding of how this part of your assignment will be marked.

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**Scoring Criteria:**

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| You have . . . | Relevance of Information |
| 5  Excellent | * provided thoughtful ideas and thorough explanations * provided specific, relevant, and accurate support for your ideas * written clearly, accurately, and effectively with well-organized ideas |
| 4  Proficient | * provided meaningful ideas and appropriate explanations * provided relevant and appropriate support for your ideas * written in an organized way with effective vocabulary and few errors |
| 3  Satisfactory | * provided straightforward ideas and general explanations * provided general and adequate support for your ideas * written satisfactorily (Minor errors do not interfere with the message.) |
| 2  Limited | * provided limited ideas with simplistic or unrelated explanations * provided obvious, simplistic, and/or irrelevant support for your ideas * written unclearly with inappropriate vocabulary (Major errors interfere with the message.) |
| 1  Poor | * provided few or no ideas or explanations * provided superficial, irrelevant, or incomplete support for your ideas * written unclearly with disorganized ideas (Many errors interfere with the message.) |

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