



WOMEN'S HERSTORY QUIZ
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March 8th is the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day

1. **In what year was the first Women's Suffrage petition presented to the BC Legislature?**
 - a) 1891
 - b) 1902
 - c) 1885

2. **In what year did all Canadian women finally gain the right to vote in federal elections?**
 - a) 1918
 - b) 1934
 - c) 1960

3. **Women were declared "persons" under Canadian law, who could thus be appointed to the Senate, on October 18 of what year?**
 - a) 1919
 - b) 1929
 - c) 1949

4. **Today, women represent slightly more than 50 percent of the Canadian population, but hold only what percent of the seats in the House of Commons?**
 - a) 21%
 - b) 10%
 - c) 34%

5. **Who was the first woman elected as a school trustee in BC?**
 - a) Joan MacIntosh
 - b) Agnes MacPhail
 - c) Maria Grant

6. **In what year was the first woman lawyer allowed to practice in BC?**
 - a) 1903
 - b) 1912
 - c) 1924

7. **When was the first female judge, Helen Gregory MacGill, appointed to the BC juvenile Court?**
- a) 1907
 - b) 1937
 - c) 1917
8. **Who was BC's first female member of the Legislative Assembly?**
- a) Emily Murphy
 - b) Mary Ellen Smith
 - b) Henrietta Edwards
9. **In what year was she elected?**
- a) 1918
 - b) 1925
 - c) 1901
10. **Who was the first woman elected to the Canadian House of Commons in 1921?**
- a) Irene Parlby
 - b) Grace MacInnis
 - c) Agnes MacPhail
11. **In what year was the first BC woman elected to the House of Commons?**
- a) 1957
 - b) 1965
 - c) 1949
12. **Who was the first female Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada?**
- a) Beverly McLachlin
 - b) Rosemary Brown
 - c) Nancy Hodges?
13. **When did Canadians gain the legal right to distribute birth control information?**
- a) 1934
 - b) 1969
 - c) 1975
14. **How many senior Canadian women live in poverty?**
- a) Nearly one in four
 - b) About one in ten
 - c) About one in twenty

- 15. Women make up what percentage of minimum wage earners in BC?**
- a) 45%
 - b) 65%
 - c) 75%
- 16. In the non-union sector, women earn an average of 29 percent less than their male counterparts. What is the average difference in a unionized setting?**
- a) 10
 - b) 14
 - c) 24
- 17. BC has legislated pay equity in the public sector**
- a) Yes
 - b) No
- 18. The Campbell government has eliminated this declaration from all government correspondence:**
- a) "BC – The Dogwood Province"
 - b) "The government of BC is an employment equity employer"
 - c) "Beautiful BC"
- 19. Women make up what percentage of workers in the construction trades?**
- a) 15%
 - b) 2%
 - c) 9%
- 20. Women make up what percentage of apprentices in the apprenticeship system?**
- a) 50%
 - b) 13%
 - c) 21%





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***As of 1960, Aboriginal women and men were no longer required to give up their treaty rights and renounce their status under the Indian Act in order to qualify for the vote.**

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*** 20.7% or 64 women of 308 Members of Parliament were elected in 2006**

Political Party	Women Elected	Total MPs	% of Women MPs
NDP	12	29	41%
Bloc Québécois	17	51	33%
Liberal	21	101	21%
Conservative	14	125	11%

Excluding the NDP, the combined percentage of all other women MPs equals only 19%.

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 - c) Maria Grant was elected in 1895**
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***Beverly McLachlin was appointed in 1999**

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- a) 10%**
- b) 14%
- c) 24%

17. BC has legislated pay equity in the public sector.

- a) True
- b) False***

***As one of its first orders of business after being elected in 2001, the BC Liberals repealed the Pay Equity Act.**

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- b) "The government of BC is an employment equity employer"**
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- a) 10% or more
- b) less than 2%**
- c) between 2% and 9%

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- a) 50%

- b) 13%
- c) 21%**

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