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## Begin: Quiz 9 - Advising Elected Officials

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Description This is the ninth Quiz in PPG1007, Section I. These are the questions for [Week 9 - Frank and Fearless Advice](#)

Force Completion Once started, this test must be completed in one sitting. Do not leave the test before clicking **Save and Submit**.

Multiple Attempts This test allows multiple attempts.

Due Date This Test is due on March 13, 2018 11:59:00 PM EDT.

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*Click Begin to start. Click Cancel to quit.*

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Chose which of **a**, **b**, **c**, or **d** is invalid or **e** if all are reasonably valid

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- a. Speaking truth to power is a term used to capture the role of public servants in a Westminster system of government to advise the political executive without fear or favour.
- b. Speaking truth to power is a concept with little direct relevance to public servants who are not involved in the process of preparing advice for Ministers.
- c. Speaking truth to power is an obligation to tell people not what they want to hear, but rather what they need to hear.
- d. Speaking truth to power includes recognizing when the argument is over and not to keep on fighting after the issue has been decided.
- e. All of a-d are reasonably valid.

At the bottom of the question area, there are buttons for "Save All Answers" and "Save and Submit".

# Click on selection and continue to Question 2

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Take Test: Quiz 9 – Advising Elected Officials

Test Information

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Instructions

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Question Completion Status:

QUESTION 1 1 points ✓ Saved

Among statements a-d pertaining to [speaking truth to power](#) choose one that is invalid or choose e if all are reasonably valid.

- a. Speaking truth to power is a term used to capture the role of public servants in a Westminster system of government to advise the political executive without fear or favour.
- b. Speaking truth to power is a concept with little direct relevance to public servants who are not involved in the process of preparing advice for Ministers.
- c. Speaking truth to power is an obligation to tell people not what they want to hear, but rather what they need to hear.
- d. Speaking truth to power includes recognizing when the argument is over and not to keep on fighting after the issue has been decided.
- e. All of a-d are reasonably valid.

*Click Save and Submit to save and submit. Click Save All Answers to save all answers.*

Save All Answers Save and Submit

# Complete the 10 questions and click **Save and Submit**

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Question Completion Status:

Among statements a-d pertaining to [political neutrality](#) of public servants choose one that is invalid or choose e if all are reasonably valid.

- a. Political neutrality is a constitutional convention which provides that public servants should avoid activities likely to impair, or seem to impair, their political impartiality or the political impartiality of the public service.
- b. The constitutional convention of a politically neutral civil service is part of what is sometimes referred to in the public administration literature as the 'iron triangle' of conventions consisting of political neutrality, ministerial responsibility, and public service anonymity.
- c. The convention of political neutrality does not apply to public service unions and it is widely accepted that if a public service union actively supports a political party it does not impede the ability of individual union members to perform their jobs in a politically neutral manner.
- d. The fact that political neutrality of public servants is not part of the written constitution does not detract from their centrality to Canada's constitutional system.
- e. All of a-d are reasonably valid.

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**QUESTION 10** 1 points ✓ Saved

Among statements a-d pertaining to the [UK Civil Service Skills and Knowledge Framework](#) choose one that is invalid or choose e if all are reasonably valid.

- a. UK civil service policy professionals are expected to be able to consider and balance evidence, politics, and delivery at whatever stage the policy is at.
- b. UK civil service policy professionals are expected to be able to understand and manage the political context by monitoring the political context and giving timely, honest, objective and impartial advice and recommendations to respond to the changing context in which Ministers operate.
- c. UK civil service policy professionals are expected to be able to respond to the change in relationship with ministers at different stages of policy development; balancing the political view with other considerations.
- d. UK civil service policy professionals are expected to be able to support ministers' engagement with parliament and enable public accountability in their area.
- e. All of a-d are reasonably valid.

# Confirm answers ready for submission by clicking **OK**

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <https://portal.utoronto.ca/webapps/assessment/take/launch>. The page title is "Take Test: Quiz 9 - Advising Ele...". The browser interface includes navigation buttons (back, forward, refresh, home) and a search bar.

The main content area of the browser shows a quiz interface. At the top, it says "Student Preview mode is ON" with "Settings" and "Exit Preview" buttons. Below this is a "Question Completion Status" section. The question text reads: "Among statements a-d pertaining to political neutrality of public servants choose one that is invalid or choose e if all are reasonably valid." There are three radio button options visible:   
a. Political neutrality is a constitutional convention which provides that public servants should avoid activities likely to impair, or seem to impair, their political impartiality or the political impartiality of the public service.   
b. The constitutional convention of a politically neutral civil service is part of what is sometimes referred to in the public administration literature as the 'iron triangle' of conventions consisting of political neutrality, ministerial responsibility, and public service anonymity.   
c. The convention of political neutrality does not apply to public service unions and it is...

A white confirmation dialog box is overlaid on the question, containing the text: "Test submission confirmation: Click Cancel to return to the test. Click OK to submit assessment." Below the text are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel".

Below the dialog box, the "QUESTION 10" section is visible. It shows the question text: "Among statements a-d pertaining to the UK Civil Service Skills and Knowledge Framework choose one that is invalid or choose e if all are reasonably valid." There are five radio button options:   
a. UK civil service policy professionals are expected to be able to consider and balance evidence, politics, and delivery at whatever stage the policy is at.   
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c. UK civil service policy professionals are expected to be able to respond to the change in relationship with ministers at different stages of policy development; balancing the political view with other considerations.   
d. UK civil service policy professionals are expected to be able to support ministers' engagement with parliament and enable public accountability in their area.   
e. All of a-d are reasonably valid. (This option is selected with a filled radio button.)

At the bottom of the question section, there is a note: "Click Save and Submit to save and submit. Click Save All Answers to save all answers." Below this note are two buttons: "Save All Answers" and "Save and Submit".

In the top right corner of the question section, there is a status bar showing "1 points" and a green checkmark with the word "Saved".

Details of submission; click **OK** to see results

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://portal.utoronto.ca/webapps/assessment/take/subm>. The page title is "Test Submitted: Quiz 9 – Advising Elected Officials". A navigation menu on the left lists various course items, with "Quizzes" selected. The main content area displays the following information:

**Test Submitted: Quiz 9 – Advising Elected Officials**

Test saved and submitted.

**Student:** Ian Clark\_PreviewUser  
**Test:** Quiz 9 – Advising Elected Officials  
**Course:** PUTTING POLICY INTO ACTION (Winter-2018-PPG1007H-S-LEC0101)  
**Started:** 3/11/18 6:37 AM  
**Submitted:** 3/11/18 6:46 AM  
**Due Date:** 3/13/18 11:59 PM  
**Time Used:** 9 minutes

Click **OK** to review results.  
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An "OK" button is located in the bottom right corner of the confirmation box.

Results: 9 out of 10 correct; scroll down to see which was incorrect

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://portal.utoronto.ca/webapps/assessment/review/revi>. The page title is "Review Test Submission: Quiz 9 - Advising Elected Officials". A navigation sidebar on the left lists various course items, with "Winter-2018-PPG1007H-S-LEC0101 (PUTTING POLICY INTO ACTION)" selected. The main content area features a table of submission details and two questions.

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### Review Test Submission: Quiz 9 – Advising Elected Officials

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Attempt Score	9 out of 10 points
Time Elapsed	9 minutes
Results Displayed	All Answers, Submitted Answers, Feedback

**Question 1** 1 out of 1 points

Among statements a-d pertaining to [speaking truth to power](#) choose one that is invalid or choose e if all are reasonably valid.

Selected Answer: b.  
Speaking truth to power is a concept with little direct relevance to public servants who are not involved in the process of preparing advice for Ministers.

Answers:

- a. Speaking truth to power is a term used to capture the role of public servants in a Westminster system of government to advise the political executive without fear or favour.
- b. Speaking truth to power is a concept with little direct relevance to public servants who are not involved in the process of preparing advice for Ministers.
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- d. Speaking truth to power includes recognizing when the argument is over and not to keep on fighting after the issue has been decided.
- e. All of a-d are reasonably valid.

Response Feedback: Correct. Congratulations!

**Question 2** 1 out of 1 points

Among statements a-d pertaining to [political executive vs. civil service](#) choose one that is invalid or choose e if all

Question 9 incorrect; click [political neutrality](#) to go to concept page

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that decisions on the disclosure of government information should be reviewed independently of government.

d. In Canada the average administrative cost of responding to an access to information request is over \$1,000.

e. All of a-d are reasonably valid.

Response Feedback: Correct. Congratulations!

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**Question 9** 0 out of 1 points

Among statements a-d pertaining to [political neutrality](#) of public servants choose one that is invalid or choose e if all are reasonably valid.

Selected Answer: e. All of a-d are reasonably valid.

Answers:

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d. The fact that political neutrality of public servants is not part of the written constitution does not detract from their centrality to Canada's constitutional system.

e. All of a-d are reasonably valid.

Response Feedback: Incorrect. Please reread the Atlas page before redoing the quiz.

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**Question 10** 1 out of 1 points

Among statements a-d pertaining to the [UK Civil Service Skills and Knowledge Framework](#) choose one that is invalid or choose e if all are reasonably valid.

Selected Answer: e. All of a-d are reasonably valid.

Answers:

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Reread concept page on the Atlas with the option of ...

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.atlas101.ca/pm/concepts/political-neutrality/](http://www.atlas101.ca/pm/concepts/political-neutrality/). The page title is "Political Neutrality - Atlas of Public Management". The navigation bar includes "SUBJECTS", "TOPICS", "CONCEPTS", "COURSES", and "PROGRAMS". The main content area features a search bar, a navigation menu on the left, and the main text for the "Political Neutrality" concept.

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## Political Neutrality

... a core term in *Governance and Institutions* and *Atlas100*

### Definition

Lorne Sossin (reference below, p. 6) quotes Kernaghan and Langford (reference below, p. 56):

"Political neutrality is a constitutional convention which provides that public servants should avoid activities likely to impair, or seem to impair, their political impartiality or the political impartiality of the public service."

Sossin writes (p. 8), citing Geoffrey Marshall (reference below, p. 210):

"The constitutional convention of a politically neutral civil service is part of what is sometimes referred to in the public administration literature as the 'iron triangle' of conventions consisting of political neutrality, ministerial responsibility, and public service anonymity.' The fact that these duties are not part of the written constitution does not detract from their centrality to Canada's constitutional system."

See also [Ministerial Responsibility](#), [Public Service Anonymity](#), and [Constitutional Convention of a Politically Neutral Civil Service](#).

### Atlas topic, subject, and course

[Institutional Dynamics within Government](#) (core topic) in [Governance and Institutions](#) and [Atlas100 Governance and Institutions](#).

### Source

Lorne Sossin (2005), "Speaking Truth to Power? The Search for Bureaucratic Independence in Canada." *University of Toronto Law Journal* 55(1): 1-59. Sossin's reference for the Kernaghan is:

Kenneth Kernaghan and John Langford (1990), *The Responsible Public Servant* (Halifax &

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