

Session: Parliament and its Components

Topic: Reforming the Senate of Canada

Recommended time: 65 Minutes

Score: 36 Marks

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Question

There have been several calls for and against the current composition of the Senate of Canada. While some have argued for an elected Senate, others have opposed it on the same myriad of reasons.

Briefly review the arguments for and against this aspect of Senate reforms in light of the historical background that necessitated the creation of the Senate.

Note:

This question wants you to talk about the calls for and against the current composition of the Senate of Canada. It is a straightforward question from Chapter 5 of the current NCA syllabus.

There are several proposals for the reform of the Senate. Some are about the composition, qualification, termination and selection process. Please take note that this question wants you to discuss specifically about the selection process of the Senate – whether it should be elective or appointive.

However, before discussing the arguments in favour and against the reforms, you are required to briefly review the historical background of the creation of the Senate, because this is a part of the question that must not be left out, if you want the maximum marks.