

PRIVATIZATION QUIZ

1. Which of the following health care services have been privatized in Saskatchewan in the last five years:
 - a) coronary bypass surgeries
 - b) laundry services
 - c) brain injury rehabilitation services
 - d) knee surgeries

2. What percentage of Saskatchewan government information technology (IT) staff are private contractors?
 - a) 20 per cent
 - b) 45 per cent
 - c) 60 per cent
 - d) None. All are public service members.

3. How much money will the people of Saskatchewan be losing every year as a result of the partial privatization of Information Services Corporation (ISC)?
 - a) \$12 million
 - b) \$500,000
 - c) \$1.4 million
 - d) It will be revenue neutral.

4. Have any of these Saskatchewan social services been contracted out to non-government agencies? If so, which ones?
 - a) teen and young parent support programs
 - b) child residential services
 - c) family support programs

5. Prices for beer, wine and spirits are least expensive at:
 - a) Alberta's private liquor stores
 - b) B.C.'s private stores
 - c) Saskatchewan's public liquor stores
 - d) B.C.' public liquor stores

6. Who said: "We turn somebody away, but then they find a [liquor] store that needs money so much they'll sell to anybody — a drunk or a teenager, it doesn't matter ... Do you think they can afford to turn away somebody with money to spend? They can't ..."?
- a) Barry Lacey, CEO of Sask. Liquor and Gaming Authority
 - b) Christy Clark, Premier of B.C.
 - c) Wayne Henuset, owner of Calgary-based chain of private liquor stores
 - d) Bev Robertson, owner of Regina's Bushwakker Brew Pub
7. The government shut down Saskatoon-based private liquor retailer Cava Wines in 2012 for:
- a) selling to minors
 - b) public health violations
 - c) importing wine from outside Sask. to avoid taxes
 - d) setting prices below the legal minimum
8. In the past five years, Saskatchewan liquor stores have earned _____ for Saskatchewan taxpayers?
- a) \$791,000
 - b) \$7.6 million
 - c) \$218 million
 - d) \$1 billion
9. Which of the following is the Saskatchewan Party government planning to build using a P3 (public-private partnership) model?
- a) Trans Canada bypass in Regina
 - b) long-term care facility in Swift Current
 - c) Saskatchewan Hospital in North Battleford
 - d) nine joint-use schools in Regina, Saskatoon, Martensville and Warman
10. A major reason why P3 projects are more costly than the traditional public approach is that:
- a) It is more expensive for private businesses to borrow money than it is for governments to borrow money.
 - b) Costs include a profit margin for the private companies.
 - c) Skilled workers are imported from other countries.
 - d) Governments have to spend money to oversee the private projects.

11. At Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, you can lease a seasonal campsite for a 10 year period for:

- a) \$5,000
- b) \$10,000
- c) \$20,000
- d) \$30,000

12. In 2010, the government announced that it would cut government employee jobs by _____ over four years. What does this have to do with privatization?

- a) 5 per cent
- b) 11 per cent
- c) 15 per cent
- d) 20 per cent

13. Even before the Saskatchewan government decimated the province's film industry by cutting the film tax credit, it dealt a serious blow to local filmmakers by selling off the Saskatchewan Communications Network (SCN) to an Ontario company. SCN's assets were valued at \$4 million and it was sold to Bluepoint Investments for:

- a) \$350,000
- b) \$750,000
- c) \$1.2 million
- d) \$2.5 million

14. Who bought the former SCN from Bluepoint Investments in 2012 for \$3million?

- a) Fox News
- b) Rogers Media
- c) Shaw Cable
- d) CBC TV

15. Long-term power-purchase agreements with private companies, such as Ontario-based Northlands Power, mean that _____ of Saskatchewan's power generation will be in private hands.

- a) 5 per cent
- b) 10 per cent
- c) 20 per cent
- d) 30 per cent