

## Where Do You Fit in the **Political** Spectrum?

Read each of the following statements, and put a mark in the box which most accurately describes how you feel about the statement.

#	Statement	Agree Strongly	Agree Partly	Disagree Partly	Disagree Strongly
1	Government environmental regulation controls should be relaxed.				
2	Having so many political parties causes confusion. Canada would be better off if we only had two political parties.				
3	Consumer protection laws should be relaxed.				
4	The Lord's Prayer and Bible readings should be allowed in public schools.				
5	Less government interference means a better economy.				
6	There should not be laws restricting the ownership of handguns.				
7	Defense spending should be greatly increased.				
8	People who receive welfare cheques are generally lazy and don't want to work.				
9	People complain when protestors get hurt but they never appear to be concerned with what the protestors did to the police.				
10	In our high cost energy world, governments should encourage the development of nuclear power.				
11	The cost of social programs is too burdensome for tax payers. Spending on these programs must be reduced.				
12	"I'm behind my country no matter what" is a good motto no matter what the government chooses to do.				
13	Businessmen do more to help society than teachers, artists, writers and other intellectuals.				
14	The size of government (# of people) must be reduced.				
15	It is almost always best to choose political leaders who are older because they have experience and will not make rash judgements.				
16	The removal of the death penalty in Canada was a mistake.				
17	Immigrants who complain about their adopted (new) country should go back home.				
18	Families and governments should always try to balance their budgets and not go into large debt.				
19	Labour unions have a role to play but now they are too big and powerful.				
20	Mistakes are made when we try to change things quickly; in government change should occur slowly.				



## **Scoring System**

1. Allocate the following points for each answer:

Agree Strongly	4
Agree Partly	3
Disagree Partly	2
Disagree Strongly	1

- 2. Add up your points.
- 3. Find your position on the Political Spectrum as follows:

