Questions to federal political parties in the context of the 2019 elections

- 1. What is your party's position on establishing a national adult literacy policy?
- 2. How will your party support collaboration and coordination across government and stakeholders to best support our population's potential?
- 3. How will your party integrate literacy and essential skills development into sectoral policies in areas like employment, health, the environment, settlement, culture, the promotion of the Official Languages, and work with Indigenous peoples?
- 4. How is your party prepared to commit to federal funding for literacy?
- 5. How will your party address the particular literacy needs of Indigenous peoples, people living in official language minority communities, and newcomers to Canada?
- 6. What is your party's plan with respect to implementing Canada's commitments to UNESCO and on the international stage in the fields of literacy and adult education?
- 7. How will your party convene conversations about lifelong learning for adults experiencing challenges because of lower literacy skills?
- 8. How will you address the fundamental learning needs of those adults who are unable to transition to jobs in the new economy because of lower literacy skills?

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