



What Is a Parliamentary System? - Quiz

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Q1. What is a key difference between a parliamentary system and the American system?

- A. Parliamentary systems have prime ministers, not presidents
- B. Parliamentary systems do not have a legislative branch
- C. The American system does not have term limits for leaders
- D. The American system allows direct election of judges

Q2. How is a prime minister typically chosen in a parliamentary system?

- A. By direct popular vote
- B. By the winning political party after an election
- C. By the judicial branch
- D. By a monarch without input from parliament

Q3. Which of the following is a power of the U.S. President but not typically of a prime minister?

- A. Writing laws directly
- B. Vetoing bills passed by the legislature
- C. Leading the executive branch
- D. Serving unlimited terms

Q4. In the UK, what must a politician do before running for prime minister?

- A. Win a local election to gain a seat in parliament
- B. Be appointed by the monarch directly
- C. Serve in the judicial branch first
- D. Win a national popular vote

Q5. What is a no-confidence vote used for in a parliamentary system?

- A. To remove a prime minister from power
- B. To approve new legislation
- C. To elect a new monarch
- D. To impeach a president

Q6. Which branch of government does the U.S. President control entirely?

- A. Legislative
- B. Judicial
- C. Executive
- D. None, power is shared equally

Q7. What is a coalition government?

- A. A government where one party has all the power
- B. A government formed by two parties working together to have a majority
- C. A government led by a monarch
- D. A government with no prime minister

Q8. Which country allows a prime minister to serve an unlimited number of terms?

- A. United States
- B. Canada
- C. Germany
- D. France

Q9. What is the role of the upper house in some parliamentary systems?

- A. To write laws directly
- B. To approve laws passed by the lower house
- C. To elect the prime minister directly
- D. To veto decisions made by the monarch

Q10. In a parliamentary system, who is typically the head of state?

- A. The prime minister
- B. The president
- C. The monarch or a ceremonial president
- D. The leader of the judicial branch

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: B
3. Q3: B
4. Q4: A
5. Q5: A
6. Q6: C
7. Q7: B
8. Q8: B
9. Q9: B
10. Q10: C