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Parliamentary Government: A System of Democracy

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is parliamentary government?
 - a) A system where the executive is not accountable to the legislature
 - b) A system where the executive derives legitimacy from and is accountable to the legislature
 - c) A system where the executive is appointed by the military
 - d) A system where citizens directly elect the head of government

2. What is one advantage of parliamentary government?
 - a) Limited executive power
 - b) Accountability of the executive to the legislature
 - c) Direct election of the head of government
 - d) Lack of checks and balances

3. Why are coalition governments common in parliamentary systems?
 - a) Because one party always holds an absolute majority in parliament
 - b) Because it promotes compromise and consensus-building
 - c) Because the executive has unlimited power
 - d) Because it leads to instability

4. What is one disadvantage of parliamentary government related to potential gridlock?
 - a) Limited executive power
 - b) Instability
 - c) Lack of checks and balances
 - d) Efficient decision-making

5. In parliamentary systems, who typically chooses the Prime Minister?
 - a) The military
 - b) The citizens through direct elections
 - c) The majority party in parliament
 - d) The president

