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The Basketball Countdown: How the Shot Clock Keeps the Game Moving

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the purpose of the shot clock in basketball?
 - a) To track the time left in each quarter
 - b) To regulate how much time a team has to attempt a shot
 - c) To measure the overall game duration
 - d) To count the number of fouls committed by a team

2. How long is the shot clock in the NBA?
 - a) 30 seconds
 - b) 24 seconds
 - c) 10 seconds
 - d) 60 seconds

3. When does the shot clock start during an offensive possession?
 - a) When a team gains possession of the ball
 - b) When the ball crosses half-court
 - c) When a shot attempt is made
 - d) When the first quarter begins

4. What happens if an offensive team fails to attempt a shot before the shot clock expires?
 - a) The opposing team is awarded one point.
 - b) The game goes into overtime.
 - c) It results in a shot clock violation, and the opposing team gains possession.
 - d) The shot clock is reset to its full value.

5. How does a missed shot affect the shot clock during an offensive possession?
 - a) It has no impact on the shot clock.
 - b) The shot clock is reset to its full value.
 - c) The shot clock is reduced by 10 seconds.
 - d) The shot clock is turned off temporarily.

