

QUESTION NO 16:

DEFINE CHARACTERISTICS AND FEATURES OF PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY FORM OF GOVERNMENT?

1. CONCEPT OF GOVERNMENT:

A government is the system or group of people governing an organized community, often a state. Government is a means by which organizational policies are enforced, as well as mechanism for determining policies. Each government has a kind of constitution, a statement of its governing principles and philosophy.

2. MEANING OF GOVERNMENT:

According to Oxford Dictionary:

"The group of people who are responsible for controlling a country or a state".

3. CLASSIFICATION OF GOVERNMENTS:

Some of the classification of government are as follow:

- Anarchy.
- Confederation.
- Federation.
- Autocracy.
- Democracy.

4. MEANING OF PARLIAMENTARY FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

According to Merriam Webster Dictionary:

- III. Vote Of Non-confidence.
- IV. Parliament.

8. HEAD OF THE STATE:

In this system of government there is a nominal or constitutional head and his power are nominal. He is called King or Queen or President. He is as well as the head of the state.

9. PRIME MINISTER:

Prime Minister is the real head of the government. He is the leader of the house of Parliament. He appoints ministers of all departments. He is a bridge between President and the cabinet.

10. VOTE OF NON-CONFIDENCE:

The Prime minister can abrogate parliament and can announce for new elections. In this system there is a harmony between the Prime minister and the Parliament and if this harmony is ends, the Prime Minister has to resign by a vote of non-confidence.

11. PARLIAMENT:

Parliament is for a specified period of time of five years. In Britain, after expiration of five year the Prime Minister announces the date for new election.

12. MEANING OF PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT:

In this system, all powers with the President. He is the head of the executive and can appoint different people in different departments. He is not answerable to any Parliament.

13. DEFINITION OF PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT:

"A system of government having the real executive power vested in a cabinet composed of members of the legislature who are individually and collectively responsible to legislature."

5. **DEFINITION OF PARLIAMENTARY FORM OF GOVERNMENT:**

According to Garner:

In the parliamentary form of Government, there is a close collaboration between the body that makes laws and is custodian of finances on the one hand and those who executes laws and spend money on the other hand".

6. **CHARACTERISTICS OF PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM:**

Following are the characteristics of Parliamentary form of government:

I. Parliament as Supreme Authority:

Parliament is a sovereign institution whose members are elected by the people. All legislation work is done by parliament.

II. Consensus between Legislative and Executive:

In Parliament system of government, executive and legislative are not separate. Executive works with legislative to discharge its duties. Similarly legislative consults the executive in preparing budget and certain rules and laws.

7. **ELEMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY FORM OF GOVERNMENT:**

Followings are the elements of parliamentary form of government:

I. Head of the State.

II. Prime Minister.