Parliamentary System Quiz

1. Which scale best represents the balance of power in a parliamentary system?
   a. ![Scale 1]
   b. ![Scale 2]
   c. ![Scale 3]
   d. ![Scale 4]

2. A new prime minister would most likely thank:
   a. Members of the public who voted for him
   b. MPs from the political party that selected him
   c. His top campaign advisors and strategists
   d. The head of the royal family who appointed him

3. What about parliamentary systems make them less susceptible to legislative gridlock?
   a. Frequent elections lead to more diversity in parliament
   b. Coalition governments integrate the views of multiple parties
   c. The prime minister plays no part in the legislative process
   d. The same party controls executive and legislative branches

4. What element is common to the parliamentary and U.S. forms of government?
   a. Parties drive the political process
   b. The people vote directly for chief executives
   c. Presidents share roles and responsibilities with legislatures
   d. They both have two leaders of the executive branch

5. Each color in the pie chart represents one party's percentage of votes in a parliament. Which of the following coalitions could take control?
   a. Green-Purple-Yellow
   b. Purple-Green-Red
   c. Blue-Red-Green
   d. Blue-Orange

6. A vote of no confidence is put forward by ______ against ______.
   a. The voting public; an MP
   b. The prime minister; a rival party member
   c. The President; the vice president
   d. Members of parliament; the prime minister

7. A prime minister is most likely to call for an early election when:
   a. A key piece of legislation is being blocked by gridlock
   b. The economy has crashed and she is being blamed
   c. Her party is gaining more and more national support
   d. The coalition she led has splintered due to infighting

8. In most parliamentary systems, the President is a ceremonial position. What is another way to say "ceremonial?"
   a. All-powerful
   b. Symbolic
   c. Essential
   d. Military

9. An MP is most like which role in America's presidential system?
   a. A senator from California
   b. The governor of Texas
   c. The secretary of state
   d. A Supreme Court justice

10. Which of the following is an opinion about the parliamentary system?
    a. It is the most common form of government
    b. It has its own type of legislative gridlock
    c. The executive branch is an extension of the legislative branch
    d. It is more efficient than presidential systems