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There is a Parliamentary System of Government in India because the (a) Lok Sabha is elected directly by the people (b) Parliament can amend the Constitution (c) Rajya Sabha cannot be dissolved (d) Council of Ministers is responsible to the Lok Sabha Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

Direct election of the Lok Sabha is a feature of a democratic lower house; presidential systems also elect a legislature directly. It does not by itself prove a parliamentary executive. This option is not the key.

(b)

Constitutional amendment power exists in many forms of government. It does not define the parliamentary system. This option is therefore wrong.

(c)

A permanent second chamber is found in several constitutions; it is not the test of parliamentary government. This option is not the key.

(d) Official key

In a parliamentary system the Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the popular House. **Article 75(3)** makes the Union CoM responsible to the Lok Sabha. That is the defining feature. This option is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) Council of Ministers is responsible to the Lok Sabha. Parliamentary government means the executive holds office while it commands the lower house. Direct elections, amendment power and an undissolved **Rajya Sabha** are true facts but not that definition. Collective responsibility is the textbook test. Only (d) states it.

Related possible facts

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Article 75(3)

Council of Ministers collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha

Article 164(2)

State Council of Ministers responsible to the Legislative Assembly

No-confidence

Lok Sabha device that enforces parliamentary responsibility

Presidential system

Executive not removable by a legislative confidence vote in the same way

Rajya Sabha

Cannot be dissolved; still not the House to which the CoM is responsible

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