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A constitutional government by definition is a (a) government by legislature (b) popular government (c) multi-party government (d) limited government Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

Government by legislature. Parliamentary, not the definition of constitutional.

(b)

Popular government. Democracy, not limited government.

(c)

Multi-party government. A party-system fact.

(d) Official key

Limited government. Public power bounded by a constitution.

Summary

Official key is (d). A constitutional government is limited government - power under, and limited by, a constitution. Legislature, popularity and multi-party cabinets are other ideas.

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