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We adopted parliamentary democracy based on the British model, but how does our model differ from that model? 1. As regards legislation, the British Parliament is supreme (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

1 only. India's constitutional supremacy / judicial review is also a difference.

(b)

2 only. British parliamentary supremacy is also true as framed.

(c) Official key

- **Both. UK:** Parliament is legally supreme. India: the Constitution is supreme and courts review laws.

(d)

Neither. Both differences hold.

Summary

Official key is (c) both. We copied the Westminster cabinet-parliament form, not Dicey's unlimited Parliament. In India the Constitution sits above the legislature; the Supreme Court can strike a law down.

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Parliamentary sovereignty

UK - no court voids an Act as ultra vires the constitution.

Article 13 / basic structure

The Indian counter-weight.

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