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SOCIAL STUDIES

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS. BEST WISHES!

Section (A) Multiple Choice: Choose the letter that best corresponds to the correct answer.

1. The head of state in a constitutional monarchy is recognized as the:
 - a. The governor general
 - b. A prime minister
 - c. A president
 - d. A monarch
2. 'First-past-the-post' system refers to:
 - a. The first person to cast a vote on polling day.
 - b. The first polling station to count the votes casted.
 - c. The candidate who collects the most votes in a constituency
 - d. The first time the people in a country voted.
3. The members of parliament who are not in a ruling party form the:
 - a. cabinet
 - b. senate
 - c. opposition
 - d. ministry
4. The body of laws governing a country is referred to as the:
 - a. Parliament
 - b. Ministers
 - c. Constitution
 - d. Laws
5. First-past-the-post system is used in all commonwealth countries except:
 - a. Grenada
 - b. Guyana
 - c. Grenadines
 - d. Guadeloupe

SECTION B. TRUE OR FALSE: Based on your answer, click on either TRUE OR FALSE. (1pt each)

1. Governments are responsible to regulate citizen's daily lives.	True	False
2. All citizens who have reached the age of 18 should register before election day.	True	False

3. Elections are held every 5 years only in Belize.	True	False
4. The voter should never fold the ballot paper.	True	False
5. All candidates should have equal opportunities to campaign and recruit votes.	True	False
6. First-past-the-post tends to favour a 2 party system.	True	False
7. First past the post system assigns the seat in direct proportion to votes gained.	True	False
8. Only Proportional representation deals with constituencies rather than party.	True	False
9. Barbados has removed the Queen as the head of state.	True	False
10. Belize is considered a republic since we have a governor general.	True	False

SECTION D. STRUCTURED QUESTIONS: Fill in the blank with the appropriate reply.

Party	Seats	% votes
Labour	306 (47 %)	36.1
Democratic	258 (40 %)	29.0
Republican	57 (9 %)	23
Other parties	28 (4%)	11.9
Total	649 (100 %)	100

Look at the table above and answer the following questions.

1. Write THREE factual statements about the elections portrayed above. (3 pts)
- 2.
- 3.
4. Which type of electoral system was used in the elections. (2 pts)
5. How many seats does the parliament have? (1 pt.)
6. How many seats would a party need for an overall majority? (1 pt.)