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Conquer the Global Power Grid: 8th Grade Comparative Government Challenge

Executive accountability, legislative oversight, and power distribution models, providing a rigorous framework for evaluating how modern states function and fail.

1. In the Japanese Diet, the Prime Minister remains in power only as long as they maintain the 'confidence' of the lower house. This illustrates which core concept of parliamentary systems?

- A. Separation of powers
- B. Executive-Legislative fusion
- C. Direct popular mandate
- D. Judicial supremacy

2. While the United States uses a federal system, _____ is an example of a country with a 'Unitary' system where the central government in Tokyo holds ultimate authority over all prefectures.

- A. Japan
- B. Australia
- C. India
- D. Mexico

3. In an Absolute Monarchy, such as the one found in Oman, the head of state's authority is legally restricted by a written constitution and an independent parliament.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Switzerland utilizes 'Direct Democracy' through frequent referendums. How does this differ from the 'Representative Democracy' found in most other Western nations?

- A. Citizens elect experts to make every single legal decision
- B. The military makes decisions based on public polling
- C. Citizens vote directly on specific laws and policy changes
- D. Only the wealthy are allowed to vote on economic issues

5. In a 'Theocracy' such as _____, the legal system and political leadership are based primarily on religious law and clergy authority.

- A. Israel
- B. Iran
- C. Turkey
- D. Egypt

6. Which of these is a defining characteristic of a 'One-Party State' like Vietnam?

- A. The existence of a loyal opposition party in the legislature
- B. A lack of competitive elections between different political parties

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- C. A system where the President is limited to a single term
- D. Legislative power being held entirely by local village councils

7. Hybrid regimes, such as the system currently seen in Hungary, often maintain the 'outward appearance' of democracy while eroding democratic institutions like a free press.

- A. True
- B. False

8. The Mexican government is a 'Federal Republic.' What does this tell you about the relationship between the central government in Mexico City and the 31 states?

- A. The states serve only as geographic markers with no laws
- B. Mexico City appoints the governors of every state directly
- C. Power is shared, and states have their own constitutions and laws
- D. The states can leave the Republic at any time without permission

9. In a 'Semi-Presidential' system like that of _____, there is both a directly elected President and a Prime Minister who is responsible to the legislature.

- A. France
- B. The United States
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. North Korea

10. Totalitarianism is identical to Authoritarianism because both systems allow for a high degree of private economic freedom and personal privacy.

- A. True
- B. False