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Main features of the British Constitution(1) Unwritten Constitution - [Part-1]

The British constitution is unwritten. It was never drawn up by a constituent assembly or convention in the form of a document, nor was it promulgated by a monarch or dictator.

(2) Evolved Constitution -

It is the product of history and result of evolution. It has grown with the growth of the English Nation. It is the result of a developmental process.

(3) Flexible Constitution -

The British constitution is a classic example of a flexible constitution. A Constitution which can be amended in the same way as ordinary laws are passed and amended, is regarded flexible.

(4) Unitary and System of Government -

The British system of government is unitary. All power is concentrated in a single government at London. There are administrative

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08 subdivisions like courts, boroughs and other
 09 local government areas, but they have been
 10 created by the central government which
 has delegated to them whatever powers they
 possess.

11 (5) Constitutional Monarchy -

12 England is a democracy. Sovereignty resides in the people
 13 and is exercised by the Parliament
 14 consisting of their representatives. Universal
 15 adult franchise which is considered to
 be the bedrock of democracy exists
 16 in England. But there exists hereditary
 17 monarch side by side. The king is the
 head of the state and government and
 all governmental functions are performed
 in his name. But his power are only
 18 nominal. In reality all powers belong to
 the Cabinet and Parliament.

19 (6) Supremacy of Parliament -

20 Parliamentary
 supremacy is a very important feature of the
 British constitution. In Britain there
 is no such thing as a supremacy of
 the Constitution. There is no difference
 21 between the constituent authority and the
 law-making authority.

22 (7) Parliamentary Form of Government - England

