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Salient Features of the Cabinet Part-1

The Cabinet is the most powerful institution in the political system of England. The Cabinet system of Britain functions on the basis of certain principles which may be termed its salient features. They are given ahead:

(1) Monarch as Titular Head of Government -

In the British Cabinet system there are two heads of the government, one titular and the other real. The King is the titular or nominal head of the government. Legally, all Executive powers are vested in him and all the functions of the government are conducted in his name.

(2) Close relation between the Executive and the Legislature -

In the British system there is no separation of powers. The two are closely connected. The members of the executive, i.e., the ministers are members of

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parliament with the right to vote.

(3) Political Homogeneity - It is a very important feature of the British system. It means that all the members of the same party. England has developed a party system in which one of the two parties is always in the House of Commons.

(4) Leadership of the Prime Minister -

The Prime Minister is real head of executive. The government is known as his government. When a new government is formed, he is the first to be appointed. It is he who selects other ministers who and distribute portfolio among them.

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