

Unit 4 – The Executive Branch - Review Sheet

Part I (Vocabulary): Write the term being described in the space provided.

1. _____ a delay in punishment
2. _____ rule or command that has the force of law
3. _____ agreement between countries, needs Senate approval
4. _____ agreement between the president and the leader of another country
5. _____ the nation’s plan for dealing with other nations
6. _____ group of presidential advisors divided into 15 Departments
7. _____ the agencies and employees of the executive branch (about 2.5 million of them!)
8. _____ groups that protect the public, such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
9. _____ practice of hiring government workers based off of exams or merit
10. _____ government jobs given to people as reward for their political support

Part II (Matching): Match the role of the President and its description.

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| 1. ___ Chief Executive | a. symbolic role, attends ceremonies |
| 2. ___ Chief Diplomat | b. wages war, sends troops into battle, follows War Powers Act |
| 3. ___ Commander in Chief | c. makes treaties, issues executive agreement |
| 4. ___ Legislative Leader | d. issues pardons, enforces laws, appoints officials |
| 5. ___ Head of State | e. plans federal budget, monitors inflation |
| 6. ___ Economic Leader | f. proposes legislation, vetoes bills |
| 7. ___ Party Leader | g. raises money for party, leads political party |

Part III (Matching): Match the offices and/or agencies with their description.

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| 1. ___ Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) | a. manages the nation’s foreign policy |
| 2. ___ Chief of Staff | b. the president’s most powerful adviser, he/she controls the president’s schedule, including who he meets with |
| 3. ___ National Security Council (NSC) | c. 500 employees that make up the “West Wing” of the White House |
| 4. ___ Office of Management & Budget (OMB) | d. manages the nation’s armed forces |
| 5. ___ NASA | e. an example of an independent agency that helped put a man on the moon |
| 6. ___ Corporation for Public Broadcasting (PBS) | f. a regulatory agency that helps keep our air and water clean |
| 7. ___ Executive Office of the President (EOP) | g. part of the EOP, this group gives the president his daily security briefing |
| 8. ___ Department of Defense | h. part of the EOP, this group helps the president prepare the national budget |
| 9. ___ Department of State | i. this government corporation provides television programming |
| 10. ___ Attorney General | j. this cabinet secretary heads the Justice Department and is in charge of all law enforcement |

Part IV (Short Answer): Write the answer to the question in the space provided.

1. What are the three qualifications to become President? _____
2. What group officially selects the President? _____ When there is a tie? _____
3. How many electoral votes must a candidate receive to become president? _____ How many electoral votes are there total? _____
4. Is the Electoral College a direct or indirect method of selecting the President? _____
5. How often are presidential elections held? _____
6. Why do presidential candidates campaign more in states with larger populations? _____
7. Explain the impeachment process. The House _____, the Senate _____
8. Which amendment sets presidential term limits? ___ Circumstances for Vice-President to take over? _____
9. List, in order, the next three people in line to become President if something happens to the President. _____
10. Describe the War Powers Resolution. _____
11. What is one way the President can check the power of the legislative branch? _____
12. What are independent agencies? _____ Give two examples. _____