

# Lesson Quiz 11-1



## Structure and Functions of the Executive Branch

**DIRECTIONS: True/False** In the blank, indicate whether the statement is true (T) or false (F).

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The public chooses the president's cabinet members.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Congress approves the president's cabinet members.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. President Andrew Jackson was known for relying on the opinions of his cabinet members.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) prepares the national budget for the president.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The Joint Chiefs of Staff of the military direct the National Security Council.

**DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice** Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. How can the president keep information confidential from other branches of government?
  - A. by changing cabinet members
  - B. by exercising executive privilege
  - C. by providing misinformation to the press
  - D. by passing a Congressional bill to keep information private
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. What is the role of the White House chief of staff?
  - A. assessing the nation's economic health and predicting future economic conditions
  - B. handling operations of the press corps and making public statements
  - C. overseeing operations of the White House and Executive Office of the President
  - D. providing personal assistance to the president and First Lady
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. What is the role of the White House press secretary?
  - A. assessing the nation's economic health and predicting future economic conditions
  - B. handling operations of the press corps and making public statements
  - C. overseeing operations of the White House and Executive Office of the President
  - D. providing personal assistance to the president and First Lady
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Which government job must be nominated by the president and confirmed by Congress?
  - A. Assistant to the National Security Advisor
  - B. Secretary of State
  - C. Staff of the Executive Office of the President
  - D. White House staff member
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. How did Abraham Lincoln view the opinions of his cabinet members?
  - A. He did not have a cabinet.
  - B. He did not rely on them at all.
  - C. He relied on them heavily.
  - D. He relied on them only for major decisions.

# Lesson Quiz 11-2



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**DIRECTIONS: Modified True/False** In the blank, indicate whether the statement is true (T) or false (F). If the statement is false, rewrite it to make it true by changing the underlined words.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The Department of State is responsible for developing and implementing foreign policy.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Department of the Interior manages policy on farming, agriculture, and food.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Changes in policies of the U.S. Army or U.S. Navy must come from the Department of Defense.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. NASA is a cabinet department in the executive branch.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Commissions within the federal bureaucracy are important because they regulate industries and have the power to punish people or groups that violate laws.  
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**DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice** Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The role of the Department of Labor is to
  - A. enforce international trade agreements with other countries.
  - B. execute laws and policies about energy.
  - C. protect and improve the productivity of workers.
  - D. protect the country's security.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Which executive department coordinates efforts to protect against terrorism?
 

A. Department of Defense	C. Department of Homeland Security
B. Department of Health and Human Services	D. Department of Veterans Affairs
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Which of the following is a regulatory commission that protects human health and the environment?
 

A. Department of Health and Human Services	C. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
B. Environmental Protection Agency	D. Federal Trade Commission
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Which part of the government is most closely associated with advising the president?
 

A. cabinet departments	C. independent agencies
B. government corporations	D. regulatory commissions
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The Department of Commerce addresses issues related to
 

A. education.	C. American business and industry.
B. worker discrimination.	D. social services such as Medicare and Medicaid.

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# Lesson Quiz 11-3



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**DIRECTIONS: Modified True/False** In the blank, indicate whether the statement is true (T) or false (F). If the statement is false, rewrite it to make it true by changing the underlined words.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Thomas Jefferson originated the phrase "spoils system" in American politics.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Civil Service Commission was set up due to corruption in the spoils system of appointing government jobs.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. In the spoils system and the civil service system, employees are hired based on merit.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The purpose of the civil service system is to fill government-related jobs with qualified people.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The president appoints about 800 top-level jobs that require House approval.  
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**DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice** Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. A whistleblower may be a civil servant who
 

A. administers civil servant exams.	C. calls attention to wrongdoing.
B. appoints other civil servants to positions.	D. takes part in illegal activities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. One way political appointees have shown unethical behavior is by
  - A. accepting gifts from lobbying organizations.
  - B. appointing other employees that they already know.
  - C. discussing their job with the media.
  - D. serving in their positions for a shorter term than agreed upon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Which of the following is a job of a political appointee?
 

A. accountant	C. postal worker
B. head of the EPA	D. social worker
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. One disadvantage of having presidential appointees serving in government is that they
 

A. are sworn to serve for the rest of their lifetime.	C. must all be approved by the Senate.
B. lose their job when the president leaves office.	D. must sign an ethics pledge.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Which is a characteristic of the spoils system?
  - A. Jobs are given to people who pass civil service exams.
  - B. Jobs are given to people with prior experience in government.
  - C. Jobs are given to the most qualified worker.
  - D. Jobs are given to well-connected friends of the president.



# Lesson Quiz 11-4

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**DIRECTIONS: Modified True/False** In the blank, indicate whether the statement is true (T) or false (F). If the statement is false, rewrite it to make it true by changing the underlined words.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Federal bureaucrats help make public policy.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Public input about the rules and regulations of executive agencies is not permitted.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Lawmakers can pass laws to alter the rules or regulations that a federal agency establishes.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The cooperation between congressional committees, client groups, and federal agencies is called an iron triangle.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Bureaucracy has grown in part due to industrial and technological advances such as nuclear power and space exploration.  
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**DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice** Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. People who keep track of bills moving through Congress are
  - A. administrators.
  - B. stakeholders.
  - C. liaison officers.
  - D. bureaucrats.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Which of the following does *not* increase the size of the federal bureaucracy?
  - A. growing global economy
  - B. population growth
  - C. process for electing the president
  - D. threats to national security
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. What is a benefit of government regulations?
  - A. Labor unions are needed.
  - B. Lawyers are needed.
  - C. Profits may be hurt.
  - D. Workers are protected.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. People who work for agencies and departments that implement laws are
  - A. bureaucrats.
  - B. interest group officers.
  - C. lobbyists.
  - D. public health officers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. How do citizens show their opinions about the size of the federal bureaucracy and federal workforce?
  - A. freedom of speech
  - B. furlough
  - C. lobbying
  - D. sequestration

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