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Government Chapter 14/15 Test Review

Directions: Use Chapters 14 & 15 (pages 400-499) along with your binder to complete the review.

1. What is the Executive Article, and how does it establish the presidency?
2. What tool has helped the Presidents of the 20th/21st centuries to attract and hold the public’s attention, in order to build support for their policies?
3. How is the Constitutional Principle of Limited Government reflected by the way the Framers established the Executive Branch in the Constitution?
4. Identify the 7 main groups of top-ranking officials that the President appoints.
5. What role did the Supreme Court play in deciding when & how the President could use the power of executive privilege?
6. Identify the 5 main categories the Presidential powers are grouped into.
7. Explain what an executive agreement is, and how it is different from a treaty.
8. In addition to acknowledging the legal existence and government of another country, what does it indicate when a President receives diplomatic representatives of another county?
9. Identify what Article II, section 2, clause 1 of the US Constitution says, and what limits it places on the President’s military powers.
10. Identify what choices the President has when he/she is presented with a bill that has been passed by both houses of Congress.
11. What is a signing statement?
12. Explain, EXACTLY what the President’s pardon power is.
13. Where is almost all of the federal bureaucracy located? What are the 2 main exceptions to this?
14. What are the 3 main features of a bureaucracy, and which of those features allows its’ workers to act with speed & precision?
15. What organization was created by Congress in 1939, and is the “right arm” of the President?
16. Explain what the Council of Economic Advisors does.
17. What group of people had their positions created by Congress, are appointed to their jobs by the President, and are in the Presidential line of succession?
18. What are the 5 “eras” the Executive Departments are divided into, and which departments were created in each “era?”
19. What are the 3 types of independent agencies?
20. Explain what the OPM is, and what it does.

Writing Prompts

You will need to be able to identify what the War Powers Resolution is, and why there are questions about its constitutional status.

You will need to be able to identify how the principle of Limited Government is demonstrated by the President’s Cabinet.