

**AP United States Government  
Chapter 15 Study Guide – The Federal Bureaucracy**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocabulary:** On index cards, define the following terms.

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| 1. Bureaucracy                    | 9. Senior Executive Service           | 15. Administrative discretion  |
| 2. Patronage                      | 10. Independent regulatory commission | 16. Street-level bureaucrats   |
| 3. Pendleton Civil Service Act    | 11. Government corporations           | 17. Regulation                 |
| 4. Civil service                  | 12. Independent executive agencies    | 18. Deregulation               |
| 5. Merit principle                | 13. Policy implementation             | 19. Command-and-control policy |
| 6. Hatch Act                      | 14. Standard operating procedures     | 20. Incentive system           |
| 7. Office of Personnel Management |                                       | 21. Executive orders           |
| 8. GS (General Schedule) rating   |                                       | 22. Iron triangles             |

**Questions:** Complete the following as you read chapter 15 in your textbook.

1. List five elements of the Weberian model of bureaucracy.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
2. List four prevalent myths about bureaucracy.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
3. What is the difference between patronage and the merit principle?
4. What is the purpose of the Hatch Act?
5. What are some of the common characteristics of plum book appointees?
6. What are the four basic types of agencies in the federal executive branch?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.

7. Explain the relationship between interest groups and independent regulatory commissions.
  
8. In what two ways are government corporations like private corporations and different from other parts of the government?
  - a.
  - b.
  
9. What are the three biggest independent executive agencies?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  
10. What are the three minimum elements of implementation?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  
11. List six reasons why policy implementation might fail.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
  - f.
  
12. What are three advantages of using standard operating procedures?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  
13. What is administrative discretion? Give an example.
  
  
14. Give an example of bureaucratic fragmentation.
  
  
15. Explain two criticisms of government use of private contractors for services.
  - a.
  - b.

16. What was the significance of *Munn v. Illinois* (1877)?
17. List three elements common to all regulation.
- a.
  - b.
  - c.
18. What is the difference between command-and-control policy and incentive system?
19. List three criticisms of regulation.
- a.
  - b.
  - c.
20. List four methods in which the president can control the bureaucracy.
- a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
21. List four methods in which Congress can control the bureaucracy.
- a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
22. Explain the difference between an iron triangle and an issue network.
23. What effect does bureaucracy have on the scope of government?