

Terms to Remember:

bureaucracy

street-level bureaucrat

public administration

negotiated rulemaking

types of bureaucratic departments

independent regulatory agencies

independent executive agencies

government corporations

patronage

spoils system

civil service

1883 Pendleton Act

1939 Hatch Act

Civil Service Reform Act

merit principle

Government Performance & Results

sunset provision

whistleblower

Office of Management & Budget

Sunshine Act

redacting

FOIA/Freedom of Information Act

red tape

Plum Book

Federal Register

Questions:

1. Is there a difference between patronage and the spoils system?
2. Why are sunshine laws important to the public?
3. What is the purpose of the Office of Management and Budget compared to the Congressional Budget Office?
4. What is a street-level bureaucrat?
5. What exactly is the bureaucracy?
6. How do independent regulator agencies or commissions and independent executive agencies differ?
7. Can you cite an example of an IRA and an IEA?
8. What is the purpose of the Hatch Act?
9. What is public administration?
10. Can you name two government corporations?

- Answers:
1. no, both indicate government jobs or contracts given for political or personal reasons
 2. sunshine laws increase transparency in government; if the people give their consent, do they have the right to expect accountability in government and the ability to follow what the branches are doing
 3. the OMB prepares the president's budget and analyzes tax impact, explains programs, evaluates national policy objectives while the CBO provides budgetary advice to Congress in a similar manner
 4. a street-level bureaucrat is a civil servant that deals directly with the public on a face-to-face basis; for example post office employees, records clerks, DMV clerks, etc.
 5. the bureaucracy is the business side of government; employees work to administer laws, rules and regulations; they work to implement programs and policies
 6. independent regulatory agencies enforce rules and regulations in the public interest; government authority is used by IRAs to control or change private sector practices; independent executive agencies report directly to the president and are not part of any cabinet level department; the focus of an IRA is on a specific task
 7. the FDA is a regulatory body while NASA and the CIA are executive agencies
 8. the Hatch Act was written to prevent government employees from using taxpayer time, dollars, and resources to campaign or do any electioneering
 9. public administration is bureaucratic management; public administrators implement government policy
 10. Amtrak and the Post Office Department