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Section 7.1: How the Bureaucracy Is Organized

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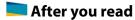
Use the following table to take notes as you read the section.

Government responsibilities	Departments responsible	Impact on government

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Once you've finished reading the section, answer the following questions.

- 1. Which factor has historically produced the most dramatic expansions in the size of the federal bureaucracy?
  - A. responses to economic, social, and military crises
  - B. growing demands by citizens for services
  - C. increasing complexity of tasks performed by the government
  - D. expanding population and boundaries
- 2. In her position with the federal government, Diksha routinely advises the president on legal matters. In this capacity, Diksha is fulfilling one of her primary duties as:
  - A. the Attorney General.
  - B. Secretary of State.
  - C. a member of the Senior Executive Service.
  - D. head of the federal bureaucracy.
- 3. Which executive branch department is responsible for maintaining America's relationship with foreign nations?
  - A. the Department of War
  - B. the Department of State
  - C. the Treasury Department
  - D. the Justice Department
- 4. Which duty is NOT a responsibility of the Department of the Interior?
  - A. supervising federal prisons
  - B. overseeing national parks
  - C. conducting federal policy with indigenous peoples
  - D. executing policy related to natural resources
- 5. Overseeing air commerce and the operation of America's pipelines are examples of the type of work performed by which government agency?
  - A. Department of Transportation
  - B. Department of Energy
  - C. Department of Commerce
  - D. Department of the Interior

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- 6. When hurricanes flood the low-lying coastal areas of the United States, to which government agency can citizens turn for assistance?
  - A. Department of the Interior
  - B. Department of Health and Human Services
  - C. Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - D. Department of Homeland Security
- 7. How did the political patronage system, as practiced during Andrew Jackson's administration, lay the foundation for the modern federal bureaucracy?
  - A. It frustrated many people, which led Congress to pass the Pendleton Act under which the merit-based system originated.
  - B. Under Jackson's patronage system, Congress made it illegal to hire or promote bureaucrats based on political favoritism.
  - C. President Jackson and Congress worked together to pass the Civil Service Reform Act under which the United States Civil Service Commission was formed.
  - D. Patronage resulted in the continual shuffling of people in and out of administrative positions, which necessitated the standardization of bureaucratic procedures.
- 8. The Pendleton Act, also known as the Civil Service Reform Act, was passed in 1883 to:
  - A. address concerns about the corruption of the spoils system.
  - B. legalize the practice of political patronage.
  - C. standardize bureaucratic procedures.
  - D. replace the merit-based system of promotion with political patronage.
- 9. Which phrase BEST defines the federal civil service?
  - A. patronage-based bureaucracy
  - B. adjudicated bureaucracy
  - C. merit-based bureaucracy
  - D. discretionary bureaucracy
- 10. Which scenario is an example of the merit-based system of hiring and promotion?
  - A. Maria was awarded a job in the president's administration after contributing a large sum of money to the president's election campaign.
  - B. Sally works in the Department of Health and Human Services where she just received a promotion based on her performance on a competitive test.
  - C. Hargrove is Senator Ethan Thurman's grandson. Hargrove was awarded a position as head of the Department of Health and Human Services based on his personal connection with the Senator.
  - D. Dorek has worked for the Department of Education for twenty years, far longer than anyone else in his department. He was given a promotion based solely on his tenure.