

Exam #3 – CH. 9-12 Review Sheet

CH. 9:

What is Congress' main function?

What is a bicameral legislature?

What are the Constitutional qualifications of a Senator or Representative?

What are earmarks (pork)?

Why is the representation function often a source of conflict for individual lawmakers?

What is the "necessary and proper" (elastic) clause?

What is a filibuster? What is cloture?

In gerrymandering, explain the difference between "packing" and "cracking" –

How is Congress organized?

What is the purpose of the OMB?

CH. 10-11:

What are the Constitutional requirements for becoming President?

What are the many roles of the president and how are they carried out? (see your notes & examples)

Name 2 of the reforms suggested for Electoral College process of electing a president, explain how it works, the positives, and its possible flaws.

How is the executive organized?

What is the bureaucracy?

What were the first 3 Cabinet level positions created by President Washington? What has happened to the number of Cabinet level positions through the years? Can you name any of the current members?

What are independent agencies and how do they differ from the rest of the executive branch?

What is the difference between the spoils system and the merit system?

How can Congress check the power of Independent Executive Agencies?

What are regulatory agencies?

CH. 12:

What is common law?

What is a precedent?

What is judicial review?

What kind of jurisdiction does a Federal District Court and a Federal Court of Appeals have?

How do cases reach the Supreme Court?

What are the different types of court opinions?

Why are Federal Judges given lifetime appointments?