Crash Course US Government & Politics Episodes 15 to 17 Name_____ Period____

As you watch episodes 15, 16, & 17, answer the corresponding questions for each section.

Crash Course #15 ~ Bureaucracy Basics

1. In the United States, what specific important functions do bureaucracies fulfill? (There are three given.)

2. What are the new "rules" created by the bureaucracies called?

3. How are civil servants different from political appointees such as cabinet department heads?

4. Who makes the bureaucracies?

Crash Course #16 ~ Types of Bureaucracies

5. What is the first type of bureaucracy discussed? Of these, which three do we hear about the most in the news?

6. List some of the "independent regulatory commissions" discussed in the video. What do they do?

7. Which federal agency is responsible for collecting revenue for the United States government?

8. Ultimately, who gives the federal agencies power and money?

Crash Course #17 ~ Controlling Bureaucracies

9. Give some examples of "before-the-fact controls" discussed in the video.

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10. The main way Congress uses “after-the-fact controls” is to use their legislative oversight powers by holding hearings. What two historic examples are given during this segment?

11. What is “devolution”?

12. According to the video, why is it difficult to scale back the federal bureaucracy?

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