Using the key terms below, complete each of the following sentences.

Federal Communications Commission  Progressive  Pendleton Civil Service Act
Securities and Exchange Commission  Flat  Iron Triangles
Federal Reserve Board  Surplus  Debt Ceiling
Executive Orders  Deficit  Spoils System
Government Accountability Office  Hatch Act  Excise
Social Security  Medicare  U.S. Senate
Government Corporations  16th Amendment

1. The ____________________________ is a federal law that prohibits government employees from active participation in partisan politics while on duty or for employees in sensitive positions at any time.

2. Cabinet officials are nominated by POTUS, and must be confirmed by the ________________________________ before they serve.

3. A ____________________________ tax is one in which the more income a taxpayer makes, the higher the rate that they pay.

4. ____________________________ is a program that was created during Franklin D. Roosevelt’s administration and is viewed by many as an “intergenerational contract.”

5. When revenues are higher than expenditures, the federal government is said to have a ____________________________.

6. TV, radio, and the internet are just some of the items regulated by ____________________________, which is an independent regulatory commission.

7. Taxes on gasoline and tobacco are examples of ____________________________ taxes.

8. The ____________________________ allowed the federal government to collect income taxes.

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9. The Tennessee Valley Authority created in 1933 as a part of the New Deal is considered the “granddaddy” of all
__________________________________________________________.

10. Andrew Jackson created the ________________________________, which was a method of filling
government positions with loyal supporters instead of with highly qualified applicants.

11. ______________________________ is an entitlement program created in the 1960s as a part of LBJ’s Great Society
Programs. It provides access to health care for many senior citizens.

12. A tax is considered ______________________ when the rate of taxation stays the same no matter the individual’s
income.

13. _______________________________ or “subgovernments” include bureaucratic agencies, interest groups, and
Congressional subcommittees.

14. POTUS can issue _____________________________________ to government agencies, which help to interpret
statutes and create new regulations. These new regulations have the same impact as laws do.

15. _______________________________ works as Congress’s eyes and ears, auditing, monitoring, and evaluating what agencies are doing with their budgets.

16. The ______________________________ is a limit on how much the federal government may borrow.

17. The _______________________________ was meant to put an end to the use of the
spoils system for hiring civil servants.

18. When expenditures are more than federal revenues, the federal budget is in ______________________________.

19. The _______________________________ is charged with running banks, and more importantly setting interest rates, and regulating the supply of money.

20. My brother-in-law, Robert, worked for four years as a prosecutor for the _______________________________,
which is responsible for policing the stock market.

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