**NAME: HOUR:**

**Economics Crash Course Video Questions**

***Week of June 1st***

**Episode 31 - Taxes**

***“Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society”***

1. What do you think Oliver Wendell Holmes meant with the quote above?
2. What type of things do taxes generally pay for?
3. Explain the income tax and the luxury tax.
4. What do the sin tax, soda tax, and fat tax attempt to do?
5. Explain the carbon tax.
6. What is the difference between direct and indirect taxes and what is an example of each?
7. How do regressive taxes work and what is an example?
8. How do progressive taxes work and what is an example?
9. How do proportional taxes work and what is an example?

***“No one likes paying taxes, but we like what they do for us.”***

1. What are some of the benefits you receive from paying taxes?

**Episode 32 – Underground Economy**

1. What are some of the examples given of legal and ordinary activities that are includes as part of the underground economy?
2. The comparison of what two factors helps determine the size of the informal/underground economy in a country?
3. What are other factors that can indicate the presence of a sizable underground economy in a country?
4. How prominent is the underground economy in less developed countries as compared to the U.S.?
5. What specific types of activities are includes in the organized crime aspect of the worldwide underground economy?

***“Half the money spent on advertising is wasted; the trouble is, you don’t know which half”***

1. What makes the argument about a legalized and official kidney (organ) market difficult?
2. What are some of the problems that exist for workers in the underground economy?

***“The informal economy can serve as a temporary buffer for individuals, and the economy as a whole.”***

1. In reference to the above quote, how does the informal (underground) economy help some people and act as a buffer?
2. Explain the negative cycle that is created in some cases by the underground economy and falling tax revenue.

***“The government can fight it or integrate it, but it can’t ignore it.”***

1. Why do you think the government can’t ignore the underground economy?

**Episode 34 – Foreign Aid and Remittance**

1. How much of the U.S. budget goes toward foreign aid and what country is the most generous in foreign aid, by percentage?
2. Generally speaking, what type of things is foreign aid supposed to go toward?
3. What were the World Bank, United Nations, and IMF each established to do?
4. What did the Marshall Plan do?
5. What have been the different purposes behind the increase in money going to Sub-Saharan Africa?
6. What have been some of the challenges that have come with financial aid to Africa?
7. What are the positives and negatives of famine aid efforts in Africa?
8. What significant achievements were made in public health through aid to Africa?
9. What are remittances and what are some positives and negatives associated with them?
10. What are some of the nonprofit organizations that assist in providing foreign aid?