Exam #1

1.(t/f) A theory is a coherent set of propositions that explains certain phenomena in terms of universal laws of cause and effect.

2.(m/c) A theoretical approach that emphasizes the struggle between various groups within society for the control of social institutions and society’s resources is:

a. structural functionalism b. conflict theory c. symbolic interactionism

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3.(m/c) All of the following are assumptions of the scientific method EXCEPT:

a. there is a mind independent reality, objective world.

b. the world is governed by universal laws of cause and effect.

c. observation by scientists leads to knowledge about the objective world

d. scientific theories are relative to time and place, just like social norms e. none are exceptions

4. (t/f) Classical social theorists believed that knowledge gained through empirical study would allow them to develop theories that would give humans the power to shape society into a utopia.

5.(t/f) According to Marx, the origin of society was human beings working together to satisfy their common needs for food and shelter.

6.(t/f) According to Marx, human beings transform nature through their labor and create a social world which determines the conditions of their existence.

7.(m/c) All of the following are true according to Marx EXCEPT

a. the dominant ideas in society are the ideas of the working class.

b. society is progressing through stages driven by class conflict.

c. the interests of the capitalists cannot be reconciled with the interests of the workers.

d. capitalism will self-destruct because of the declining rate of profit. e. none are exceptions

8.(m/c) According to Marx, labor under capitalism is alienated in all of the following ways EXCEPT:

a. alienated from the product of labor b. alienated from the process of labor

c. alienated from species being d. alienated from other workers. e. none are exceptions

9.(t/f) According to Marx, the superstructure (education, political system, mass media) will reflect the inequality of the economy base of society.

10.(t/f) According to Weber, Western society is becoming more and more rationalized, which means it is becoming more bureaucratized.

11.(m/c) Durkheim argues all of the following EXCEPT:

a. society is external, outside of individuals. b. society is coercive, constrains behavior.

c. social facts are things that can be studied scientifically d. society is a collection of individuals

e. none are exceptions

12.(m/c) The metaphor Durkheim uses to explain society is a (an):

a. organism b. machine c. amoeba d. solar system e. ocean

13.(m/c) According to Durkheim, the way in which traditional societies maintained social order was through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. a. mechanical solidarity b. organic solidarity.

14.(t/f) According to Durkheim, the rituals which focus on punishing deviance have a positive function towards maintaining social order.

15.(t/f) According to Parsons, society is a system that functions as a harmonious whole and is composed of numerous subsystems, and individuals are free to choose their own personal course of action within the systems and subsystems.

16.(m/c) All of the following were beliefs in the 1950s concerning American society as a utopia EXCEPT:

a. America had no class divisions and was a middle class society.

b. there was no conflict between workers and owners, if owners did well workers would do well.

c. the American political system was the best in the world because it was a two party system that eliminated extremism.

d. technology had, or would in the near future, solve all social problems, such as hunger and disease

e. none are exceptions

17.(m/c) According to structural functionalism, the most important functional component of the AGIL is:

a. adaptation b. goal orientation c. integration d. latency

18.(m/c) The structural system that performs the most important function is the:

a. personality system b. social system c. cultural system

19.(m/c) According to the Davis-Moore theory of stratification, inequality in society is:

a. universal b. necessary c. positive d. b and c e. all of above

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Match the following functional imperative to its corresponding structural system in Parson’s Action System

AGIL Structural Systems

20. Adaptation a. Personality System

21. Goal Attainment b. Behavioral Organism

22. Integration c. Cultural System

23. Latency d. Social System

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24.(m/c) Which of the following contradicted the 1950s conventional wisdom that American society was a utopia?

a. The existence of significant levels of poverty in the 1950s.

b. Increasing corporate power in the U.S after WWII c. The rise of the military-industrial complex.

d. b and c e. all of above

25.(m/c) President Eisenhower, a Republican, anti-communist, former General of the Army, said that the biggest threat to American democracy was:

a. communism b. Elvis c. military industrial complex d. Soviet Union

26.(m/c) In *White Collar*, Mills identified all of the following as problems EXCEPT:

a. increasing size of corporations and government.

b. increasing division of labor, specialization c. increasing routinization of white collar jobs

d. lazy white collar workers e. none are exceptions

27.(m/c) Mill’s analysis in *White Collar* was influenced by which classical theorist?

a. Weber b. Comte c. Durkheim d. Spencer e. all of above

28.(m/c) Mills argues that the power elite controls the American public by:

a. force b. authority c. manipulation d. a and b e. all of above

29.(m/c) According to Mills, U.S. society is ruled by a power elite composed of select individuals from all of the following institutional orders EXCEPT:

a. politics b. economy c. education d. military e. none are exceptions

30.(m/c) According to Mills, which was the dominate order of the power elite of the 1950s?

a. political elite b. corporate elite c. military elite d. academic elite e. none are exceptions

31.(t/f) Mills argues that the power elite govern by holding the command positions in the key institutional orders.

32.(m/c) One could draw the conclusion from Mills’ argument that war is good for the power elite for all of the following reasons EXCEPT:

a. creates wealth for weapons contractors. b. creates environment for manipulation of the public.

c. creates a distraction from vital domestic issues. d. eliminates dissent. e. none are exceptions

33.(t/f) The power elite makes what Mills calls the “trunk decisions”; these are the decisions that determine major domestic and foreign policy for the U.S.

34.(m/c) According to Mills, the mass media functions in which of the following ways?

a. inform the public about what they need to know to make decisions.

b. manipulate the public in order to manufacture consent.

c. distract the public d. b and c e. all of above

35.(m/c) According to Mills, all of the following are consequences for the individual in this system of power EXCEPT:

a. alienation b. apathy c. preoccupation with consuming

d. morally insensible e. none are exceptions

36.(t/f) Economists believe that economics is a science just like physics and that the market is a natural phenomenon governed by laws of cause and effect.

37.(t/f) According to Adam Smith, a freely competitive economy will regulate itself by the invisible hand of the market place.

38.(t/f) According to Adam Smith, capitalism is the best economic system because it understands the truth about human nature, human beings are motivated by self-interest. They are greedy.

39.(m/c) According to Smith, the Law of Supply and Demand guarantees which of the following?

a. market place demands will be met by capitalist entrepreneurs (suppliers).

b. competition between suppliers will guarantee that the market place will provide quality products at low prices. c. all social needs will be met d. a and b e. all of above

40.(t/f) The Fourth Law of the market place, laissez faire, states that the government should only intervene in the market place when it is necessary to bail out a corporation that is too big to fail.

41.(m/c) According to Smith, the role of the government in creating an environment for a nation’s economic system involves all of the following EXCEPT:

a. creation of a system of finance b. development of a system of public education

c. creation of a physical infrastructure d. financing and raising a military e. none are exceptions

42.(t/f) According to the Laws of the Marketplace, what is good for the capitalist is good for the worker and if the market is allowed to function freely wages will be good and work plentiful.

43.(m/c) According to Milton Friedman, the market is governed by laws that guarantee that it functions like celestial clockwork. Which of the following distort this “heavenly” precision?

a. wage and hour laws b. workplace safety regulations c. environmental regulations

d. a and b e. all of above

44.(m/c) According to Milton Friedman, which of the following should be policy goals in a capitalist system?

a. complete deregulation so that the market can self-regulate. b. privatization

c. increase in social programs like welfare and social security d. a and b e. all of above

45.(m/c) Friedman believed that the free market had or would:

a. lead to political freedom b. end discrimination c. be good for everyone in the long run

d. a and c e. all of above

46 (t/f) Milton Friedman believed that shock in the form of a natural or man-made disaster would be necessary to get people to accept his policy goals because people were used to government help.

47.(m/c) According to Friedman, shock therapy includes all of the following EXCEPT:

a. privatization of publicly owned industries b. elimination of all tariffs and subsidies

c. cutbacks in social services d. elimination of unions e. none are exceptions

48.(t/f) Friedman thought that Hurricane Katrina presented a wonderful opportunity because it destroyed the public school system of New Orleans which meant that a new privatized educational system could be established.

49.(m/c) Which of the following are types of shocks that can be taken advantage of to impose Friedman’s therapy?

a. war b. military coups c. natural disasters d. economic crises e. all of above

50.(t/f) A judge in Argentina and a Spanish court both ruled that the acts carried out by the Argentina leadership was genocide, systematic murder with the intent of exterminating a specific group of people, those resisting “shock therapy.”

51.(t/f) According to Klein, as Friedman predicted, the imposition of the free market in the Southern Cone led to political freedom and democracy.

52.(m/c) According to Klein, all of the following are true about the education system in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina EXCEPT:

a. the public education system was replaced by government subsidized privately run charter schools.

b. a viable public education option was quickly put into place for the remaining poor citizens.

c. the teachers union contract was abrogated and 4700 teachers were fired.

d. the American Enterprise Institute, a free market think tank, said, “ Katrina accomplished in a day . . . what Louisiana school reformers couldn’t do after years of trying.” e. none are exceptions

53.(t/f) According to Klein, Ewen Cameron’s idea of creating a psychological blank slate in his patients, although unorthodox, successfully cured many of the patients to whom it was applied.

54.(m/c) According to Klein, the Bush administration used the “shock” of the September 11 attacks to do which of the following?

a. Wage privatized wars abroad. b. Create a corporate security state at home.

c. Further Friedman’s economic policies domestically. d. a and c e. all of above

55.(m/c)According to Klein, after 9/11, privatization of the most sensitive core functions of government was undertaken. All of the following are examples EXCEPT:

a. privatization of the military. b. privatization of intelligence c. privatization of homeland security

d. privatization of health care for soldiers e. none are exceptions

56.(m/c) According to Klein, all of the following are true about Ewen Cameron’s “shock shop” EXCEPT:

a. he used isolation, electroshock, prolonged induced sleep, psychedelics, and angel dust in his human experimentations.

b. his experiments were funded by the CIA (U.S. Central Intelligence Agency) who had full knowledge of what he was doing.

c. his patients were reduced to preverbal infantile states.

d. his human experiments have been central to developing current U.S. torture techniques.

e. none are exceptions

57.(m/c) According to Klein, Friedman needed a laboratory to experiment with his free market theories. The country he chose first was:

a. Argentina b. Chile c. Indonesia d. Brazil e. Colombia

58.(t/f) According to Klein, in order to avoid an economic catastrophe because of Friedman’s economic reforms, the military dictatorship of the above country had to do what the socialist government had done, nationalize industries and maintain government control of the largest industry.

59.(m/c) According to Klein, Friedman chose the above country for all of the following reasons EXCEPT:

a. the people were in shock after a U.S. sponsored economic crisis and military coup.

b. he had established ties with economists in the country through a scholarship program.

c. the new military dictatorship was sympathetic to Friedman’s free market theory.

d. he believed that there would be no violence directed at the citizenry who resisted his shock therapy.

e. none are exceptions

60.(m/c) Which of the following were methods used to control dissent in Latin American countries where Friedman’s free market shock doctrine was applied :

a. “disappearing” b. mass murder c. torture d. a and c e. all of above

61.(m/c) The ideas that developed in the Southern Cone which were the opposite of Chicago School economics were called? a. communism b. modernism c. developmentalism

62.(t/f) During these economic experiments/shock therapy, human rights violations were directed at specific populations, like workers, who resisted free market policies that caused high rates of unemployment and inflation.

63.(t/f) Governments engaged in economic experiment/shock therapy used violence to create or deepen shock so people would more likely accept changes that under normal circumstances they would not.

64.(m/c) Which of the following conclusions can be drawn from Klein’s argument?

a. free market capitalism could not have spread in Latin America without U.S. political, economic and military support.

b. historical evidence supports the conclusion that people in countries throughout the world have not willingly embraced free market principles.

c. the main way the free market capitalism was subsidized in the Southern cone was through violence.

d. b and c e. all of above

65.(m/c) The car associated with the violence in one country was:

a. Ford Falcon b. black BMW c. Chevy minivan d. Hummer

66.(m/c) According to Klein, the massive violence, estimated at as many as a million murdered, in the overthrow of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government became the approved model for shock therapy.

a. Brazilian b. Indonesian c. Chinese d. Iraqi

67.(t/f) According to Klein, torture was used on those who resisted “shock therapy,” not to gain information, but to destroy their sense of caring for others.

68.(t/f) According to Klein, human rights groups proved unable to identify the real extent of the problem in the Southern Cone because they failed to connect human rights violations with economic shock therapy.

69.(t/f) Testimony before Argentina’s Truth Commission, proved that U.S. corporations, like Ford, Monsanto, and Philip Morris supported the violence and benefited from the violence in Argentina.

70.(t/f) One of the consequences of the imposition of neoliberal policies in the Southern Cone was an immediate decline in real wages for workers.