Exam #1

1.(m/c) According to the text, the sociological imagination involves which of the following?

a. A willingness to see things from another’s point of view.

b. The ability to see how social patterns influence individual lives.

c. Moving away from thinking about individuals as the cause of social problems.

d. b and c e. all of above

2.(t/f) According to the text, citizens in “social welfare” countries pay much more than Americans for social services

such as medical care, education, child care, and libraries and parks, because they pay such high taxes.

3.(m/c) According to the text, all of the following are true about the more than 40 million poor in America EXCEPT:

a. they receive an inferior education. b. they live in substandard housing.

c. they are more likely to be exposed to toxic chemicals.

d. they receive better social welfare benefits than the poor of any other country in the world. e. none are exceptions

4.(t/f) According to your professor, conventional wisdoms refer to the ideas and beliefs that the majority of the population

accept without question.

5.(m/c) According to the text, which of the following is true?

a. Social structure which disadvantages the powerless is the main social problem in America.

b. Individual deviance is the main social problem in America.

6.(m/c) According to the Annenberg study, heavy television viewers are more likely to do which of the following?

a. buy a gun b. buy a dog c. fortify their homes with iron bars d. a and c e. all of above

7.(m/c) According to the text, which of the following conventional wisdoms are true?

a. Most homeless people are disabled by drugs, mental disease, or physical afflictions.

b. African American youth are more likely than White youth to smoke tobacco and be heavy binge drinkers of alcohol.

c. Government handouts are more generous to the poor than to the non-poor.

d. all are true e. none are true

8.(m/c) According to your professor, all of the following are vital needs EXCEPT:

a. good job b. affordable and quality health care c. affordable and quality education

d. privatizing social security e. none are exceptions

9.(m/c) Which of the following is (are) necessary (vital need) in a job?

a. decent wages b. reasonable hours c. job security d. benefits e. all of above

10.(m/c) According to the text, there is an increasing concentration of ownership in all of the following areas of the

media EXCEPT:

a. cable channels b. college textbooks c. daily newspapers d. radio e. none are exceptions

11.(m/c) According to the text, all of the following are negative consequences of megamergers EXCEPT:

a. they reduce competition and cause increased prices for consumers.

b. they increase the power of corporations over workers and governments.

c. they cause job loss d. they are non-productive e. none are exceptions

12.(t/f) According to your professor, the main social problem in American society is the combination of the extreme

and growing inequality in wealth and income and the growing concentration in corporate ownership.

13.(m/c) According to the text, hard work and smart investments are not the only way the rich get richer; they also get

richer because of government policies? Which of the following are examples?

a. elimination of the estate tax b. reduction of corporate tax rates

c. reduction of tax rates on dividend and capital gains income d. a and b e. all of above

14.(m/c) According to The Daily Show, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ earned millions of dollars on his/her investments but paid a tax

rate of less than 15%.

a. Newt Gingrich b. Mitt Romney c. Michelle Bachman d. Ron Paul

15.(t/f) According to your professor, increasing inequality in wealth and income give the upper class power over the

political system, but the electoral system (voting) keeps real power in the hands of the people.

16.(t/f) Increasing inequality gives the upper class power to shape social institutions such as education and health care

to their advantage.

17.(m/c) According to the text, all of the following are examples of American “Undemocracy” EXCEPT:

a. the Electoral College b. the winner-take-all nature of the electoral system

c. disenfranchisement through gerrymandering

d. legal hindrances keeping third parties from getting on the ballot e. none are exceptions

18.(m/c) According to the text, which of the following are examples of subsidies to big business?

a. government installed price supports to guarantee profit.

b. $15 billion bailout of airline industry which then fired 140,000 workers.

c. the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill d. b and c e. all of above

19.(t/f) Since the mid-1970s, real wages are stagnant or declining for all but the top 1% of income earners.

20. (m/c) All of the following are true about the U.S. economy EXCEPT:

a. 500 large corporations dominate sales and profits. b. small businesses are the backbone of the economy.

c. shared monopolies in all sectors of the economy and interlocking directorates have led to greater concentration.

d. mergers of large corporations, Exxon-Mobil, Time-Turner-Warner-AOL, have led to greater concentration.

e. none are exceptions

21.(t/f) According to the text, trickle down solutions to economic downturns, never work, except to increase corporate

profits and make the rich richer, but politicians continue to advocate trickle down policies because the ideas come

from the business class.

22.(m/c) Median household income in the U.S is approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. $50,000 b. $75,000 c. $25,000 d. $35,00 e. none of above

23.(t/f) According to your professor, there is a direct correlation between corporate record profits and the elimination

of jobs, lower wages, and cutbacks in benefits.

24.(m/c) On a Daily Show about the California energy crisis, tapes of traders showed that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took advantage of the

crisis to raise the price of electricity on “Grandma Millie.”

a. SDG&E b. Sempra c. Enron d. Bechtel e. Halliburton

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Match the democratic institution or process to the ways it is undermined.

Institution/Process Ways

25. electoral process a. corporate owned, advertising sponsored

26. legislative process b. under funding and revolving door

27. judicial system c. lobbying

28. regulatory system d. appointments by politicians

29. free press e. campaign financing

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30.(t/f) The upper ten per cent of income earners receive over 80% of all investment income.

31.(m/c) The main lobbyist in *Bulworth* is from which of the following industries?

a. mass media b. insurance c. oil d. banking e. health care

32.(t/f) Bulworth told the congregation of a church in south central LA that he was not going to do anything for

them because they didn’t contribute to his campaign.

33.(m/c) Bulworth’s campaign slogan was:

a. Change we can believe in. b. We stand at the doorstep of a new millennium.

c. Family values are American values. d. America first.

34.(t/f) SuperPacs and 501 groups offer new ways that the rich and corporations can funnel money into the electoral system.

35.(m/c)Which of the following industries was the biggest donor to the Obama’s campaign?

a. financial b. oil c. pharmaceutical d. Oprah e. none of above

36.(t/f) The function of the FDA is compromised by the fact that the pharmaceutical industry partially funds its

operation.

37.(m/c) All of the following are true about campaign financing EXCEPT:

a. the 2008 campaign cycle set a record for funds raised by all politicians.

b. the 2008 presidential campaign set a record for funds raised by presidential campaigns.

c. the largest contributors to political campaigns are the wealthiest Americans.

d. corporations can now spend as much money as they want supporting the candidate of their choice.

e. none are exceptions

38.(m/c) All of the following engage in lobbying EXCEPT:

a. industries like health insurance. b. trade groups like American Bankers Association.

c. front groups like Citizens for Better Medicare. d. public interest groups like Union of Concerned Scientists.

e. none are exceptions

39.(m/c) According to the Daily Show, which of the following are guidelines for setting up a “fake” town hall meeting?

a. an alliterative title b. interracial and gender sensitive background

c. control of questions d. b and c e. all of above

40.(m/c) The function of regulatory agencies is undermined by which of the following?

a. “revolving door” b. limits on enforcement c. limits on funding

d. a and b e. all of above

41.(m/c) Corporations receive “wealthfare” in which of the following forms?

a. tax credits b. privatization of public resources

c. publicly funded research and development d. bailouts e. all of above

42.(m/c) Which of the following are ways that the merging of politics and television has undermined

our democratic process?

a. Increased campaigning via television advertising. b. Televised phony town hall meetings.

c. Exploiting photo opportunities. d. a and b e. all of the above

43.(m/c) All of the following are examples of wealthfare EXCEPT:

a. Work Opportunity Tax Credit b. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

c. Telecommunications Act o1996 d. TARP bailout e. none are exceptions

44.(m/c) According to the text, all of the following are among the principles of socialism EXCEPT:

a. democracy b. egalitarianism c. public ownership of the means of production

d. planning for common purposes e. none are exceptions

45.(m/c) The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment established the precedent that corporations are persons under the law.

a. Twelve b. Thirteenth c. Fourteenth d. Fifteenth e. Nineteenth

46.(m/c) Since the mid-1970s, the American economy has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - based economy..

a. agricultural b. industrial c. service d. technology e. manufacturing

47.(m/c) All of the following are reasons for the deindustrialization of the American economy EXCEPT:

a. automation b. off shoring c. declining corporate profits

d. outsourcing e. none are exceptions

48.(m/c) The poorest minority group in the U.S. is:

a. Asian Americans b. African Americans c. Native Americans d. Latino Americans

49.(t/f) One consequence of the changing U.S. economy has been large increase in the use of temporary workers.

50.(t/f) San Diego’s economy is a good example of an economy that still produces mainly hi-tech and therefore

high paying jobs.

51.(t/f) The good thing about service sector jobs is that the majority of jobs (McJobs) today pay more in real

wages than the blue collar manufacturing jobs of the 1950s, like putting bolt number three in kitchen cabinets.

52. (t/f) A consequence of off shoring is a declining tax base for communities and a consequence of a declining tax

base is less revenue for schools, roads, parks, and social services.

53.(m/c) All of the following are characteristics of a McJob EXCEPT:

a. minimum wage or low pay b. temporary or part-time c. no benefits d. little chance for advancement

e. increased job security

54.(m/c) The private company that employs the most workers is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. McDonalds b. Wal\*Mart c. Manpower d. Microsoft e. J.P. Morgan Chase

55.(t/f) According to the text, one of the consequences of the collapse of the housing bubble was that millions

of mortgage holders owed more on their property than it was worth.

56.(t/f) According to the text, Americans lost more than a trillion dollars in their 401Ks during the

economic collapse of 2007-2010/

57.(m/c) According to the text, the most dangerous job in America is:

a. policeman b. fireman c. commercial fisherman d. meatpacking worker e. none of above

58.(m/c) According to the text, which of the following are benefits of being a union worker?

a. A union worker is more highly paid for the same job.

b. A union worker is more likely to have employer-provided health insurance than a non union worker.

c. Women, African American, and Latino union workers make more than the same groups do as non union workers.

d. a and b e. all of above

59.(t/f) According to the text, jobs in the sunset industries pay significantly more than jobs in the new sunrise industries.

60.(m/c) The official poverty line for a family of four in the U.S. is approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before taxes.

a. $18,000 b. $23,000 c. $28,000 d. $31,000 e. $34,000

61.(m/c) The formula for establishing the poverty line in the U.S. is \_\_\_ times the cost of a minimal subsistence diet.

a. 2 b. 3 c. 3 d. 4 e. 5

62.(m/c) All of the following are problems with the poverty line formula EXCEPT:

a. it overestimates the number of poor.

b. it should be 5 times the cost of a minimal subsistence diet.

c. a minimal subsistence diet is not adequate to maintain health.

d. it is calculated before taxes. e. none are exceptions

63.(m/c) Which of the following terms describes those poor who make one-half or less of the poverty line?

a. working poor b. near poor c. severely poor d. lazy e. culturally deficient

64.(t/f) In recent years the number of people who are working and are still below the poverty line has increased.

65.(m/c) According to the text, the transformation of the economy has led to all of the following EXCEPT:

a. millions of displaced workers b. increased unemployment c. downward social mobility

d. insecurity about retirement e. none are exceptions