Exam #1

1.(m/c) The textbook takes a(an) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ approach to social problems.

a. social structural b. individual deviance

2.(m/c) Corporations identify which of the following as solutions to social problems?

a. deregulation b. lower corporate taxes c. tort reform d. a and b e. all of above

3.(t/f) According to the textbook, citizens in “social welfare” countries pay much more than Americans for social services, such as medical care, education, child care, because they pay such high taxes.

4.(m/c) All of the following are true about the millions of 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. e. none are exceptions

5.(m/c) According to the Annenberg study, heavy television viewers are more likely to think street crime is a social problem, even though crime rates are going down. They do which of the following to protect themselves?

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

6.(m/c) All of the following are vital needs EXCEPT:

a. good job b. health care c. quality education d. clean environment e. none are exceptions

7.(m/c) Which of the following is (are) necessary components of a good job?

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

8.(m/c) All of the following are true when comparing the U.S. to other industrialized nations EXCEPT:

a. The U.S. has the highest rate of poverty. b. The U.S. provides the least amount of support to the poor.

c. The U.S. is the only industrial nation without universal health care.

d. The U.S. provides the most in all forms of aid to poor children. e. none are exceptions

9.(t/f) Physical infrastructure in the United States is in serious disrepair because of lack of public investment.

10.(t/f) Your professor argues that the combination of the extreme and growing inequality in wealth and income and the growing concentration of corporate power has turned the U.S. into a plutocracy.

11.(t/f) The top 1% of Americans have doubled their share of yearly income since the mid 1970s.

12.( m/c) According to the text, the rich get richer because of government policies. Which of the following are examples?

a. elimination of the estate tax b. lower tax rates on income from investments

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

13.(m/c) All of the following are true about corporate taxes in the U.S. EXCEPT:

a. U.S. corporations pay so much in taxes that they can not compete globally.

b. Corporate contributions to federal tax revenue have declined since 1950.

c. In a recent two year period, twelve of the largest corporations in the U.S had a negative tax rate.

d. Sixty per cent of U.S. companies pay no taxes. e. none are exceptions

14. (m/c) All of the following are characteristics of monopoly capitalism in the U.S. EXCEPT:

a. economy dominated by 500 large corporations b. increased competition

c. interlocking directorates d. shared monopolies e. none are exceptions

15.(m/c) 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

16.(m/c) According to the documentary The Corporation, in early America the corporation was a subordinate institution in society. All of the following were limits placed upon corporations at the time EXCEPT:

a. a corporation had to be chartered by the state to fulfill a social need.

b. a corporation had time limitation to its existence. c. shareholders were not liable

d. a corporation could not buy another corporation e. none are exceptions

17.(m/c) According to the documentary The Corporation, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment to the Constitution was used by corporations to gain the status of legal persons.

a. 11th b. 12th c. 14th d. 18th e. 20th

18.(t/f) According to the documentary The Corporation, corporations have two legal obligations: maximize profit and create good paying jobs.

19.(m/c) An example of how large corporations can manipulate the marketplace was revealed in a Daily Show about the California energy crisis and how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took advantage to raise the price of electricity on “Grandma Millie.” a. SDG&E b. Sempra c. Enron d. Bechtel e.Halliburton

20.(m/c) All of the following areas of economic activity in the U.S. are dominated by shared monopolies EXCEPT:

a. television b. soda c. oil d. software e. none are exceptions

21.(m/c) According to the text, all of the following are consequences of mergers between large corporations EXCEPT:

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

c. they are good for consumers d. they cause job loss e. none are exceptions

22.(t/f) Since the mid-1970s, real wages are stagnant or declining for most of income earners.

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

a. Government price supports to guarantee profit, for example, agriculture.

b. Bailout of airline industry which then fired thousands of workers.

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

24.(m/c) According to the Citigroup memo mentioned in class, which of the following is (are) true?

a. The U.S. and the other countries mentioned in the memo are ruled by the wealthy.

b. The wealthy have become wealthier at the expense of the working class.

c. The governments of the countries mentioned have acted to help the wealthy.

d. a and c e. all of above

25.(m/c) The transformation of the economy, deindustrialization, has led to all of the following EXCEPT:

a. millions of displaced workers b. increase in low income jobs

c. decreased opportunity for upward mobility d. insecurity about retirement e. none are exceptions

26.(m/c) From the late nineteenth century to the mid-1970s, the American economy was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - based.

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

27.(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

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

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

30.(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.

31.(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

32.(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

33.(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

34.(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

35.(m/c) The reason(s) for the increase in the number of poor (fourteen million) between 2004 and 2014 was(were) because:

a. benefits were so good for the poor in the U.S that people just decided to quit their jobs and take advantage of

the system.

b. job loss due to the global economic crisis.

c. deindustrialization and the increase in McJobs, a person could work and still be poor.

d. b and c e. all of above

36.(m/c) Poverty benefits which of the following?

a. Owners because it creates a labor force that depresses wages (keeps them low).

b. Society because it creates a group of people to do the dirty and dangerous jobs.

c. Some individuals because it creates social order jobs (police, social workers).

d. b and c e. all of above

37..(m/c) In Fear Factory, the Chinese company that made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ products solved the problem of worker suicides by putting nets around the building.

a. Microsoft b. Apple c. Dell d. Wal-Mart e. Nike

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

Institution/Process Ways

38. electoral process a. corporate owned, advertising sponsored

39. legislative process b. under funding and revolving door

40. judicial system c. lobbying

41. regulatory system d. politicians appointing judges

42. free press e. campaign financing

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43.(m/c) Which of the following is an example of a “photo op” from the Daily Show?

a. Obama serving a meal to people at a homeless shelter. b. Paul Ryan washing dishes at a homeless shelter

c. Biden in New Jersey after latest hurricane d. Obama trap shooting e. none of above

44.(t/f) In the 2012 political campaign, thirty-two people averaging $9.9 million each contributed more than the total contributed by 3,700,000 people.

45.(m/c)Which of the following industries was the biggest donor to Obama’s 2008 campaign?

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

46.(m/c) Which of the following are limits on the enforcement capabilities of the Department of Agriculture’s regulation of meat processing?

a. does not have the power to order a company to make a recall, even if the contamination is lethal.

b. does not have the power to order the company to issue a warning to the public.

c. does not have the power to impose mandatory penalties or fines. d. b and c e. all of above

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

a. the 2012 campaign cycle set a record for funds raised by all politicians.

b. the 2012 presidential campaign set a record for funds raised by presidential campaigns.

c. the largest contributors to political campaigns were labor unions.

d. because of the Citizens United ruling corporations can now spend as much as they want influencing the outcome of the electoral process. e. none are exceptions

48.(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

49.(m/c) 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

50.(m/c) Citizens for Better Medicare is a: a. trade group b. front groups c. citizens group

51.(m/c) The conventional wisdom that was challenged in the Newsroom episode was “America is the greatest country in the world.” What evidence was mentioned that contradict this?

a. global ranking in life expectancy b. global ranking in infant mortality

c. global rankings in literacy and science d. a and b e. all above

52.(m/c) According to the same episode, America is No. 1 in which of the following?

a. population that is incarcerated b. defense spending c. population that believes in angels

d. a and b e. all of above

53.(m/c) The coverage of the BP oil spill in the episode was an example of what could happen if journalists pursued the truth. All of the following are examples EXCEPT:

a. legislation was passed that allowed deep water drilling without contingency plans for a blowout.

b. overregulation by the government was the problem

c. BP knowingly ignored safety regulations.

d. BPs solution was created an even bigger pollution problem e. none are exceptions

54.(m/c) According to the documentary Park Avenue, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the biggest threat to U.S. business in the 1970s. a. Robert Kennedy b. Jimmy Carter c. Ralph Nader d. Martin Luther King Jr. e. Eugene Debbs

55.(m/c) According to the documentary Park Avenue, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the decade that money took over Washington D.C.

a. 1950s b. 1960s c. 1970s d. 1980s e. 19090s

56.(m/c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is income that Hedge Fund managers earn and that is taxed at only a 15% rate.

a. capital gains b. carried interest c. stock options d. management funds

57.(m/c) The Koch brothers are responsible for all of the following EXCEPT:

a. funding campaigns through groups like Americans for Prosperity b. funding the Tea Party

c. 300 + oil spills d. funding lobbying to overturn environmental regulations

e. none are exceptions

58.(t/f) According to Park Avenue, two of the psychological characteristics of the wealthy are feelings of entitlement and feelings of deep resentment to those beneath them.

59.(t/f) According to Park Avenue, legislation is not written by our representatives in Congress or their staffs, but by lobbyist who write the legislation to benefit the industries or corporations for whom they work.

60.(m/c) According to Park Avenue, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a year is spent on lobbying “our” representatives in Congress.

a. $2 billion b. $3 billion c. $4 billion d. $5 billion