Exam #1

1.(m/c) Professor Semm argues that theories are not just ideas, but ideas with consequences for society, groups and even individuals. All of the following are examples EXCEPT:

a. free market theory b. theory of biological determinism c. social Darwinism

b. structural functionalism e. none are exceptions

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

3.(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.

4.(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 of society will benefit d. a and b e. all of above

5.(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 corporations that are too big to fail.

6.(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 minimal system of public education

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

7. (m/c) The dominant social theory in the United States at the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century was social Darwinism. It was influenced by all of the following theorists and/or ideas EXCEPT:

a. Darwin’s theory of evolution b. Rousseau’s theory of the social contract

c. Spencer’s “survival of the fittest” d. Adam Smith’s theory of the free market e. none are exceptions

8.(m/c) Social Darwinists argue all of the following EXCEPT:

a. the marketplace is the site of the struggle for survival. b. the struggle for survival is progressive for humanity.

c. the rich have proven themselves to be the fittest and the poor the weakest.

d. helping the “unfit” weakens the species. e. none are exceptions.

9.(m/c) Social Darwinism led to eugenics. All of the following are true about eugenics EXCEPT:

a. It is a theory whose proponents argued that the human race could be improved by selecting specific traits.

b. It argued that “feeble minded” humans should be isolated and sterilized.

c. The victims of eugenics were the poor, people of color, mentally ill, and criminals (but not corporate criminals).

d. Standardized tests and “empirical observations,” watching tired, hungry and confused immigrants as they arrived in the U.S. were methods used to determine who was “feeble minded.” e. none are exceptions

10.(m/c) All of the following are claims of the theory of biological determinism EXCEPT

a. human beings can be classified into homogenous groups according to shared physical characteristics.

b. the shared physical characteristics of these groups are transmitted from generation to generation.

c. these racial groups share other characteristics such as work ethic, intelligence and morality.

d. some groups are superior to others e. none are exceptions

11.(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

12.(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

13.(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

14. (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.

15.(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

16.(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.

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

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

19.(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 superstructure (politics, law, etc.) reflects the inequality of the economic base.

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

20.(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

21.(t/f) According to Marx, capitalism is an economic system which is structurally dependent upon the exploitation of the worker.

22.(m/c) Marx could not have anticipated theoretically which of the following?

a. wealthfare capitalism: the ability of the government to use public funds to bailout the capitalist system as it did between 2007-2010.

b. advertising: the power of the media to create a consumer consciousness.

c. monopoly capitalism: the rise of shared monopolies that avoid regulatory laws, like the Sherman Antitrust Act, and are able to act as monopolies. d. a and c e. all of above

23.(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

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

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

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

26.(m/c) According to Durkheim, the institution in modern society that has the function of creating solidarity is:

a. religion b. government c. education d. family e. military

27.(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 system.

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

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

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

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

30.(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

31.(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

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

AGIL Structural Systems

32. Adaptation a. Personality System

33. Goal Attainment b. Behavioral Organism

34. Integration c. Cultural System

35. Latency d. Social System

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36.(m/c) All of the following are functions of the educational system EXCEPT:

a. socialize students into norms and values of society b. teach knowledge and skills for the workplace

c. select individuals for their positions in society d. nurture imagination and creativity e. none of above

37.(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

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

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

39.(t/f) According to Klein, the first type of shock in Chile was economic, created mainly by the U.S., this shock created the conditions for the second shock, the military overthrow of Allende’s government.

40.(t/f) According to Klein, as Friedman’s free market theory predicted, the imposition of the free market in the Southern Cone of Latin America led to political freedom and democracy.

41.(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

42.(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.

43.(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

44.(m/c) According to Klein, all of the following are the goals of neoliberalism EXCEPT:

a. privatization b. deregulation c. a global system of tariffs

d. cutbacks in social services e. none are exceptions

45.(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

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

a. the people were susceptible to his “therapy” after a series of shocks.

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

47.(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

48.(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. nationalism

49.(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.

50.(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.

51.(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

52.(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 “shocking” the people of Latin American countries.

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

61.(t/f) According to Inequality for All, a strong middle class is the necessary foundation for a stable

consumer-based economy.

62.(t/f) According to Inequality for All, one of the main reasons for the decline in wages of American workers is their lack of productivity compared to workers in other countries.

63.(m/c) According to Inequality for All, there are strong parallels between the Great Depression and the Great Recession.

Which of the following are examples?

a. There were booms in the financial sectors based on speculative bubbles.

b. Middle class wages were stagnant and the middle class was forced to go into debt.

c. Consumer demand decreased d. a and b e. all of above

64.(m/c) According to Inequality for All, the end of the Great Prosperity happened in the last years of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. 1960s b. 1970s c. 1980s d. 1990s e. 2000s

65.(m/c)According to Inequality for All, an almost fifty per cent decline in the tax rates for the rich began under

which president?

a. Eisenhower b. Ford c. Reagan d. Bush I e. Clinton

66.(m/c) The Great Prosperity, according to Inequality for All, included all of the following EXCEPT:

a. low inequality b. increased educational opportunity, especially affordable higher education

c. decrease in union membership d. highly educated work force e. none are exceptions

67.(m/c) According to Inequality for All, the Great Prosperity involved a Virtuous Cycle. All of the following were

parts of the Virtuous Cycle EXCEPT:

a. increase in wages for workers. b. increased unemployment c. increased consumer demand

d. increased tax revenue e. increased government spending on education and infrastructure

68.(m/c) According to Inequality for All, the end of the Great Prosperity led to a Vicious Cycle. All of the following are

parts of the Vicious Cycle EXCEPT:

a. wages stagnant for workers b. decrease in consumer demand c. companies downsized

d. higher welfare payments to those hurt the most. e. none are exceptions

69.(m/c) According to Inequality for All, high concentration of wealth undermines democracy by giving disproportionate

power to the rich. All of the following are examples of how the rich have benefited EXCEPT:

a. bailouts b. subsidies c. decreased tax rates for the rich d. trade agreements e. none are exceptions

70..(m/c) According to Mills, all of the following are consequences for the individual in a system controlled by

this power elite EXCEPT:

a. alienation b. apathy c. moral insensibility

d. lack of critical thinking e. none are exceptions

53.(m/c) Mills argues that power in the U.S. is maintained primarily through:

a. force b. authority c. manipulation d. coercion e. subversion

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

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

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

a. political order b. economic order c. military order d. religion

56.(m/c) Which dominates currently?

a. political order b. economic order c. military order d. religion

57.(t/f) Mills argues that the power elite govern by holding the command positions in society.

58.(m/c) According to Mills, 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

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

60.(m/c) According to Mills’ theory of the power elite, the mass media has all of the following functions EXCEPT:

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

b. manipulate the public in order to manufacture consent.

c. distract the public d. scare the public e. none are exceptions