Exam #1

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

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

3.(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

4.(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

5.(t/f) According to Marx, all social institutions (education, political system, mass media) will reflect the inequality in the economy.

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

7.(m/c) According to Weber, all of the following are characteristics of instrumental rationality EXCEPT:

a. efficiency b. control c. calculability d. predictability e. none are exceptions

8.(m/c) According to Weber, all of the following are characteristics of the ideal typical bureaucracy EXCEPT:

a. hierarchy b. rules and regulations c. offices with limited function

d. positions based on expertise e. none are exceptions

9.(m/c) According to Weber, which of the following are negative characteristics of bureaucracies?

a. red tape b. dehumanization c. authoritarian personalities d. a and b e. all of above

10.(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

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

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

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

13.(m/c) According to Durkheim, the way in which modern society could maintain social order would be through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. a. mechanical solidarity b. organic solidarity

14.(t/f) According to Durkheim, the division of labor in modern society undermines social order and creates class conflict.

15.(t/f) According to Durkheim, deviance is a threat to social order, but it also has a positive function for maintaining social order..

16,(t/f) According to Parsons, society is a system that functions as a harmonious whole and is composed of numerous subsystems.

17.(t/f) The main focus of structural functionalism is the explanation of social change.

18.(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, in fact there was a social contract between them.

c. the American political system was the best in the world because it was a two party system that eliminated extremism. d. there could be suburbs on the moon. e. none are exceptions

19.(m/c) All of the following were beliefs about technology and progress in the 1950s EXCEPT:

a. nuclear power would produce so much energy that it would be available to all at no cost.

b. hunger would be eliminated through the application of pesticides and other chemicals to agricultural production.

c. disease would be eliminated through antibiotics.

d. flying cars, and automated houses would create a Jetson-like world. e. none are exceptions

20.(m/c) In surveys \_\_\_\_\_ % of Americans in the 1950s said that happiness was not possible outside of marriage. a. 50 b. 77 c. 83 d. 90 e. none of above

21.(m/c) All of the following became part of the landscape of American society in the 1950s EXCEPT:

a. suburbs b. freeways c. fast foods d. shopping malls e. none are exceptions

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

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

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

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

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

a. universal b. necessary c. positive for social order

d. b and c e. all of above

25.(t/f) According to structural functionalism, all components of a system have a positive function.

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

AGIL Structural Component

26. Adaptation a. Personality System

27. Goal Attainment b. Behavioral Organism

28. Integration c. Cultural System

29. Latency d. Social System

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30.(t/f) According to structural functionalism, to fulfill its function the education system needs to be structured as a meritocracy.

31.(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

32.(m/c) All of the following revealed the conflicts and contradictions underlying 1950sAmerica. EXCEPT:

a. the films *The Man in the Grey Flannel Suit* and *Rebel without a Cause.*

b. the plays “Death of a Salesman” and “The Crucible.” c. The counter culture called the Beat Generation

d. The TV show *Leave it to Beaver* e. none are exceptions

33.(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

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

a. increasing size of corporations and government bureaucracies

b. increasing division of labor c. increasing specialization in white collar jobs

d. lazy white collar workers e. none are exceptions

35.(m/c) Mill’s analysis of alienation in white collar jobs was influenced by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ analysis of alienation.

a. Weber’s b. Marx’s c. Durkheim’s d. Spencer’s

36.(m/c) According to Mill’s, all of the following were consequences of white collar work EXCEPT:

a. alienation from the product of work b. alienation from the process of work

c. “incorporation” of the human spirit d. alienation from emotions e. none are exceptions

37.(m/c) Which of the following are types of power according to C. Wright Mills?

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

38.(m/c) Mills argues in the *Power Elite* that power in the U.S. is gained and maintained primarily through:

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

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

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

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

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

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

42.(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

43.(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.

44.(m/c) According to Mills’ theory of the power elite, the mass media has all of the following functions in American society 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

45.(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. moral insensibility

d. lack of critical thinking e. none are exceptions

46.(t/f) According to your professor, a democratic society whose citizenry is ignorant if the human costs of wars that it is waging is an example of moral insensibility .

47.(t/f) Classical economists like Adam Smith believed that economics was a science just like physics and that the market was a natural phenomenon governed by laws of cause and effect.

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

49.(t/f) According to Adam Smith, capitalism is the best economic system because:

it understands the truth about human nature.

50.(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.

b. competition 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

51.(t/f) The Fourth Law of the market place, laissez faire, is 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.

52.(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. tariffs to protect domestic industries

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

53.(t/f) According to Milton Friedman, the market is like an ecosystem, and like an ecosystem, it will self-regulate.

54.(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

55.(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.

56.(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. downsizing government d. elimination of unions e. none are exceptions

57.(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.

58.(t/f) According to Friedman, the free market would lead necessarily to individual freedom conceived as individuals expressing their free will through their consumer choices.

59.(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

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

61.(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

62.(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

63.(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

64.(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

65.(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 military coup that overthrew their democratically elected government.

b. he had established ties with economists in the country through a scholarship program to the University of Chicago.

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

66.(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.

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

a. “Disappearing” b. Operation Condor c. torture d. a and c e. all of above

68.(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 d. progressivism e. none

69.(m/c) Which of the following does Klein argue?

a. during these economic experiments, human rights violations were directed at specific populations, those, like workers, who resisted free market policies that caused high rates of unemployment and inflation.

b. governments used violence to create or deepen shock so people would more likely accept changes that under normal circumstances they would not.

c. free market capitalism always needs to be subsidized, thus undermining one of its fundamental ideological principles, laissez faire.

d. b and c e. all of above

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

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

71.(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 putting the populations of countries in shock so that Friedman’s economic “therapy” could be applied.

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

72.(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 in order to make them understand that it should be about looking out for Number 1.

73.(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.

74.(m/c) Only one human rights report, the one produced independently from the government and foreign foundations, concluded that . . . “because the economic policy was extremely unpopular among the most numerous sectors of the population, it had to be implemented by forces.” This was a report from what country? a. Brazil b. Argentina c. Chile d. Indonesia

75.(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.