Exam #2 Sociology 403

1.(m/c) Domhoff’s theory is called\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ theory.

a. pluralist b. state autonomy c. class domination d. power elite

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Match the following power network to its means of operation.

2. candidate selection process a. operates through large campaign donations

3. special interest process b. operates through lobbying

4. policy planning process c. operates through public relations firms, media and education

5. opinion shaping process d. operates through donations from foundations to think tanks

6.(t/f) According to Domhoff’s theory, an upper class which is an economic class, a political class, and a social class rules America.

7.(t/f) According to Domhoff, the upper class rules primarily by controlling the mass media.

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Match the power network to its primary function.

8. candidate selection process a. influences legislation

9. special interest process b. controls elections

10. policy planning process c. manufactures consent of the people

11. opinion shaping process d. develops public policy through exclusive organizations

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12.(t/f) Domhoff argues that power indicators (who governs? who wins? who benefits?) provide empirical support for his argument that an upper class rules America.

13.(m/c) All of the following are examples of the social network of the upper class EXCEPT:

a. exclusive pre-schools b. private prep schools c. elite universities

d. Bohemian Grove e. none are exceptions.

14.(t/f) According to Domhoff, the political system for most of American history has been controlled by the upper class .

15.(t/f) According to Domhoff, those who are not born into the upper class can be assimilated into the upper class by being given access to the social networks of the upper class and the economic opportunities of the upper class.

16. (m/c) Which of the following are ways that the upper class controls labor?

a. deskilling b. outsourcing c. automation d. a and c e. all of above

17.(t/f) According to one study, 80% of the money contributed to candidates in a political campaign was from the upper class.

18.(m/c) According to your professor , which of the following are examples of “who wins” ?

a. lower tax rates for the rich.

b. bailout of the financial industry. c. Obama’s healthcare reform d. a and b e. all of above

19.(m/c) The capacity of a group or class to realize its goals despite opposition is called:

a. distributive power b. collective power

20.(m/c) Domhoff argues that the power of the upper class is institutionalized. He calls this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. domination b. autonomy

21.(t/f) Examples of the upper class governing are Obama’s appointments of the upper class to the most important economic positions in his Administration.

22.(t/f) According to Domhoff, the upper class, through it social interactions and institutional affiliations, develops a class consciousness-what is good for corporations and the self interest of members of the upper class is good for America.

23.(m/c) According to Domhoff, All of the following are examples of organizational networks EXCEPT:

a. religious b. military c. economy d. political e. mass media

24.(m/c) According to Domhoff, all of the following are ways in which the power of the upper class is institutionalized in the economic system EXCEPT:

a. concentration of ownership b. shared monopolies c. boards of directors

d. shared ownership.

25.(m/c) The relationship Walmart has with its suppliers is an example of a(n):

a. producer network b. strategic alliance

26.(t/f) The power of the upper class over the economic system gives it power over communities as they “race to the bottom” trying to get corporations to come.

27.(m/c) According to Domhoff, the upper class believes it needs to control the political system because:

a. by doing so it avoids the possibility of the government intervening on behalf of the people.

b. by doing so it hopes to avoid the possibility of the people raising up and challenging its power.

c. by doing so it can control foreign policy and make sure that the government’s pursues international policy in its interests. d . a and b c. all of above

28.(m/c) Citizens for Better Medicare is an example of a(n):

a. trade group b. industry group c. front group d. grass roots group

29.(m/c) Which of the following are true about think tanks?

a. They are independent knowledge producing institutions.

b. They are funded by foundations and corporations with agendas and interests.

c. They have experts who are invited to be on television and testify d. b and c e. all of above

30.(t/f) Class domination theory argues that ultimately “the people’ need to be lied to or persuaded and that is the main function of public relations firms.

31.(m/c) The theorist Walter Lippmann believed all of the following EXCEPT:

a. the average individual does not have the cognitive skills to deal with the complexities of modern mass society.

b. American needs to be governed by scientific elite who has the capacity to deal with the complexities of modern mass society.

c. a group of experts should have the task of manufacturing the consent of the American public after policy decisions have been made by the elite.

d. the mass media is not a significant factor in the manufacture of consent. e. none are exceptions

32.(t/f) The main question that Neo-Marxist theorists ask is why the utopian promise of the Enlightenment turned into the dystopia of modern Western society.

33. (m/c) According to Marxist social theory, understanding society and its historical trajectory depends upon understanding the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. economic base b. political system c. legal system

d. ideological institutions, mass media and education e. superstructure

34.(m/c) According to Neo-Marxist social theory, the origin of the system of domination in Western society is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. economic base b. political system c. superstructure

d. fear of and the attempt to control nature e. ideological institutions

35.(m/c) Plato’s “Allegory of the Cave” means all of the following EXCEPT:

a. society controls the individual

b. individuals develop a psychology oriented to the false reality of the cave.

c. individuals organize their lives in relation to the false reality of the cave.

d. individuals are really free because they freely choose to live in the cave. e. none are exceptions

36.(t/f) According to Neo-Marxist social theory, workers are still a progressive force in society because they have successfully resisted attempts to co-opt them.

29.(t/f) According to Neo-Marxist social theory, one of the reasons that the economy is no longer the site of conflict is because it is controlled by large monopolies who do not compete, but cooperate with each other.

30.(m/c) According to Neo-Marxist social theory, consumer subjectivity involves which of the following?

a. the creation of people who are never content with what they have. b. the creation of anxious people.

c. the creation of “needs.” d. a and b e. all of above

31.(m/c) According to Neo-Marxist social theory, all of the following are components of the constellation of domination EXCEPT:

a. economy b. mass media c. world view d. social organization e. none are exceptions

32.(t/f) According to Neo-Marxist social theory, one of the reasons that bureaucracies are dehumanizing

is because they are structured to process millions of people efficiently, so people are reduced to numbers.

33.(t/f) According to your professor, advertising is not just about selling things to be people, it is also about creating an upper middle class consumer utopia.

34.(m/c) According to Neo-Marxist social theory, which of the following are attempts to gain power over nature?

a. magic b. religion c. science d. b and c e. all of above

35.(t/f) Both free market theory and Marxist social theory assume that technology is a progressive force.

36.(m/c) Which of the following are characteristics of technology according to the instrumental theory of technology?

a. technology is neutral with regards to how it is used. b. technology is universally applicable.

c. technological development is driven by human creativity and imagination

d. b and c e. all of above

37(t/f) According to the instrumental theory of technology, technology can be transferred to other countries and cultures who will benefit by the transfer.

38.(m/c) According to the instrumental theory of technology, technology will solve which of the following social problems?

a. racism b. disease c. hunger d. b and c e. all of above

39.(t/f) One of the limits to technology, according to the instrumental theory of technology, is religious beliefs.

40.(m/c) According to the critical theory of technology, technology is part of the system of domination because:

a. it has been developed in industrial capitalism and furthers the goal of profit.

b. it has been developed in mass society with a goal toward social control.

c. it has been developed in a bureaucratic society with the goal of efficiency and calculability.

d. a and b e. all of above.

41.(m/c According to the critical theory of technology, dominant institutions have the power to:

a. define the problems that we face as a society. b. determine the solutions (technology).

c. direct creativity and imagination. d. a and b e. all of above

42.(t/f) According to critical theory of technology, the health care industry benefits from having the power to identify disease as an individual problem and then providing the solution, drug therapy.

43(m/c) According to critical theory of technology, all of the following are examples of the unintended consequences of technological development?

a. strains of diseases that are resistant to anti-biotics. b. pests that are resistant to pesticides.

c. technologies of surveillance used against the people that they are supposed to be protect.

d. a and b e. all of above

44.(m/c) According to critical theory of technology, which of the following should be societal goals in regard to technological development?

a. The people should have a voice in defining the problems and the solutions.

b. Technological development should meet the needs of the people.

c. Technological development should be place in the hands of experts.

d. a and b e. all of above

45.(m/c) If the problem of disease is redefined as a social problem, a public health problem, society would look for:

a. the social causes of disease. b. the environmental causes of disease.

c. for better diagnostic technology, d. a and b e. all of above

46.(m/c) Margaret Thatcher became friends with Augusto Pinochet when he was under house arrest in Great Britain. Pinochet had been charged with crimes he had committed when he was involved in shock therapy in which of the following countries?

a. Chile b. Argentina c. Brazil d. Indonesia e. none of above

47.(m/c) Milton Friedman claimed which President of the U.S. was the “most socialist.”

a. Jimmy Carter b. Richard Nixon c. George H.W. Bush

d. Bill Clinton e. Franklin Roosevelt

48.(m/c) The above president (#47) did all of the following EXCEPT:

a. put price caps on oil. b. put price caps on rent.

c. established a wage and price control program. d. established regulations on pollution

e. none are exceptions

49.(m/c) Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher initially tried to privatize which of the following ?

a. national health care system b. public housing c. British military

d. public schools e. none of above

50.(m/c) Thatcher used the Falklands War to fight and win a battle against what she called the “enemy at home,” a large and powerful union. It was a union of :

a. coal miners b. air traffic controllers c. postal workers d. national health care workers

e. teachers

51.(m/c) According to Klein, Margaret Thatcher took advantage of the shock created by a war with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the Falkland Islands to impose shock therapy in Great Britain.

a. Chile b. Argentina c. Falkland d. Paraguay e. Spain

52.(t/f) Thatcher followed her victory over the above union (#50) with attempts to privatize other nationally owned industries, like British Airways.

53.(m/c) According to Klein, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_provided a global model for imposing Friedman’s free market theory.

a. Argentina b. Bolivia c. Poland d. South Africa e. Colombia

54.(m/c) The main cause of “shock” in the above country (#53) was:

a. war b. military coup c. inflation d. natural disaster

55.(m/c) Forcing a newly democratic government to take on the debt of a dictatorship that the U.S. had previously supported is called:

a. price shock b. debt bomb c. debt shock d. debt crisis

56.(m/c) The above debt was a result of the dictators using the money for all of the following EXCEPT:

a. military b. police c. themselves d. social services e. none are exceptions

57.(m/c) According to Klein, the new Dr. Shock was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. Jeffrey Sachs b. John Maynard Keynes c. Hugo Banzer d. Juan Peron

58.(m/c) The new Dr. Shock disagreed with Milton Friedman in which of the following ways?

a. He believed free market policies had to be supported with debt relief.

b. He believed countries subjected to “shock therapy” needed aid.

c. He had been influenced significantly by John Maynard Keynes. d. a and b e. all of above

59.(t/f) The main result of shock therapy in the above country (#53) was the same as in all other countries; a small elite grew wealthier and the rest of the population suffered.

60.(t/f) Because of the devastation to agriculture production of shock therapy in the above country (#53), the farmers turned to growing coca and cocaine became a much larger export crop.

61.(t/f)According to Klein, World Bank economists admitted that structural adjustment plans do not solve economic crises and that they are just a marketing strategy used to justify the implementation of Chicago School neo-liberal policies.

62.(m/c) According to the Democracy Now report, all of the following happened after rich investors bought Delphi EXCEPT:

a. the government bailed out the company. b. the rich investors made approximately $4 billion.

c. Delphi closed its American factories and moved to China.

d. all the workers kept their jobs which proved the trickle down theory. e. none are exceptions

63.(t/f) Freeport, Il voted to rename their town Bainport after Bain Capital because Bain bought a local company and saved all of the jobs.

64.(t/f) University police pepper spraying students engaged in non-violent protest serves the primary function of our educational system which is the socialization of students into the norms of obedience and respect for authority.

65.(m/c) The Battle in Seattle involved groups from all over the world protesting what global organization?

a. U.N. b. World Bank c. World Trade Organization

d. International Monetary Fund