Exam #3 Sociology 433

1.(t/f) According to Chalmers Johnson, the uniquely defining characteristic of the American Empire is that

it is an empire of bases, more than 800 in over 100 countries.

2.(m/c) All of the following are goals of the American Empire EXCEPT:

a. maintain and expand empire b. eliminate threats to dominance c. spread true democracy

d. serve economic interests of the powerful in the U.S. e. none are exceptions

3.(m/c) According to Chalmers Johnson, militarism includes all of the following EXCEPT:

a. the military is the dominant institution in society.

b. the military and militarists control the political system by assuming civilian leadership roles.

c. acceptance of the principle that peaceful diplomacy always needs to be used first.

d. U.S. accepts no constraints, such as international law, on its use of military power.

e. none are exceptions

4.(m/c) All of the following are components of the ideology of American Exceptionalism EXCEPT:

a. American is a unique country with a special relationship to God

b. there are no constraints on individual achievement, success is possible for everyone.

c. U.S. is the most generous country in the world.

d. U.S. uses military force only for self-defense and to protect weaker countries e. none are exceptions

5.(m/c) According to Chalmers Johnson, which of the following were sorrows of the Roman Empire from which we might learn?

a. It became a military dictatorship with the Caesar as imperial sovereign.

b. The Roman Senate was reduced to powerlessness.

c. The Roman Empire was overwhelmed by enemies that it had created. d. a and c e. all of above

6.(t/f) Historically, according to Johnson, the beginning of the American Empire was the Monroe Doctrine.

7.(m/c) According to Johnson, which of the following are ways that special economic interests benefit from militarism?

a. weapons contractors benefit from war because they receive weapons’ contracts.

b. private military contractors benefit because they receive contracts to perform functions previously performed by the military.

c. corporate media benefits because viewership goes up during a war.

d. a and b e. all of the above

8.(t/f) The American Empire seeks not only dominance of the land, sea and air, but also dominance of outer space and cyber space.

9.(m/c) All of the following is(are) true about JSOC EXCEPT:

a. it is larger than the military of many countries and reports only to the president.

b. it is accountable to Congress c. its operations are secrete

d. it operates in countries that are not tied to terrorism e. none are exceptions

10.(m/c) Capitalism's invisible army intervened in all of the following countries EXCEPT:

a. Greece b. Italy c. Vietnam d. Indonesia e. none are exceptions

11.(m/c) The American Empire uses all of the following to control its domestic population EXCEPT:

a. corporate media b. think tanks c. NSA d. education e. none are exceptions

12.(t/f) According to the U.N. Charter, the only justification for going to war is self-defense, defined as having been attacked by another country or imminent threat of an attack.

13.(tm/c) The American Empire does not have colonies; it has client states. Client states are controlled by all of the following means EXCEPT;

a. U.S. military bases b. U.S. military training c. common interests d. Status of Forces Agreements e. none are exceptions

14.(t/f) According to the Nuclear Posture Review, and President Obama, the U.S. will never use nuclear weapons first against another country

15.(m/c) According to the National Security Strategy 2002, the U.S. needs to do all of the following to maintain its global hegemony EXCEPT:

a. maintain strategic and economic influence in the Middle East.

b. make sure that third world countries adopt national goals in line with U.S. interests.

c. respond militarily to any threats to its global hegemony.

d. maintain its treaty obligations and commitment to international law e. none are exceptions

16.(m/c) According to the National Security Strategy 2002, the new standards for the U.S.’s right to use force against other countries are all of the following EXCEPT:

a. if leaders of countries have hostile intentions. b. if countries have alleged connection with terrorists.

c. if countries have alleged potential connections with terrorists.

d. if the U.S. anticipates possible future danger from a country. e. none are exceptions

17.(m/c) All of the following are components of the military-industrial-intelligence complex EXCEPT:

a. universities b. weapons contractors c. Defense Intelligence Agency

d. private military contractors e. none are exceptions

18.(m/c) Which of the following is (are) true about U.S. military?

a. The U.S. has four air forces which together make up the largest air force in the world.

b. The U.S. Navy has more than a dozen carrier attack groups, no other country has more than one.

c. The U.S. has the largest store of chemical and biological weapons. d. a and b e. all of above

19.(m/c) All of the following are reasons that Congress always passes defense appropriation bills EXCEPT:

a. many in Congress have investments in defense contractors and will profit.

b. our representatives are afraid of voting no and being characterized as weak on national security.

c. our representatives are afraid of voting no and being accused of voting against jobs.

d. our representatives believe that even unnecessary weapons will make us safer. e. none are exceptions

20.(m/c) Which of the following will be the “sorrows of the American empire,” according to Johnson?

a. the American empire will be destroyed by the enemies it has created b. an end to American democracy

c. financial ruin for the U.S. d. a and c e. all of above

21.(m/c) Perpetual war is going to lead to all of the following EXCEPT:

a. more terrorist attacks b. proliferation of weapons of mass destruction c. failed states

d. WWIV-a war with sticks and stones. e. none are exceptions

22.(t/f) Perpetual war has led to the normalization of war, a population that accepts war, thinks nothing about it, and does not care about the victims of the war-a sociopathological population.

23.(m/c) Which of the following are examples of the imperial presidency?

a. sovereign immunity b. kill list c. AUMF d. a and b e. all of above

24.(m/c) Which of the following are true about the Grand Strategy?

a. The U.S. attempted to organized the former colonies of the colonial empires so that their resources, labor and markets would benefit the first world.

b. The U.S. supported dictators in newly independent third world countries.

c. The CIA intervened covertly to undermine democratic movements in the newly independent third world countries. d. a and c e. all of above

25.(m/c) All of the following are parts of “The Story” that was told to Americans to justify American intervention in Vietnam EXCEPT:

a. The tiny democratic country of South Vietnam was being invaded by the Communist country of North Vietnam.

b. An “evil empire,” communism, was spreading around the world and the U.S. needed to stop it in South Vietnam, or it would take over the whole world.

c. As the “good empire,” the U.S. needed to help the democracy of South Vietnam.

d. The body count proved that we were winning the war. e. none are exceptions

26.(t/f) According to the Pentagon Papers, the real reason the U.S. waged war in Vietnam was Vietnamese self-determination might undermine the Grand Strategy; Vietnam could be a “rotten apple.”

27.(t/f) According to the Vietnamese Declaration of Independence, one of the grievances of the Vietnamese people was that the French killed two million Vietnamese through forced starvation.

28.(t/f) After WWII and in violation of the Atlantic Charter, the U.S. provided transportation for French troops back to Vietnam so that France could reestablish control of Vietnam.

29.(m/c) The Geneva Peace Accords established all of the following?

a. a permanent division of Vietnam into two countries.

b. national elections to reunify the country in two years. c. recognition of the independence of Vietnam.

d. b and c e. all of above

30.(t/f) According to the Pentagon Papers, South Vietnam was essentially a construction of the U.S.

31.(t/f) According to the Pentagon Papers, the U.S. really thought that the dictator they put in power in South Vietnam had popular support.

32.(m/c) Early U.S. military strategies/tactics in the American war were?

a. kill has many Vietnamese as possible and label them “Viet Cong.”

b. destroy villages, poison crops, kill animals so the villagers were forced to relocate to ‘strategic hamlets.”

c. land reform, return land appropriated by the French to the Vietnamese people.

d. a and b e. all of above

33.(m/c) All of the following were later U.S. military strategies/tactics in the American War EXCEPT:

a. return land to Vietnamese and guarantee political autonomy. b. increased bombing of South Vietnam.

c. continued use of Agent Orange to defoliate the jungle.

d. free fire zones and search and destroy missions e. none are exceptions

34.(m/c) All of the following were human costs of the American War EXCEPT:

a. the deaths of three million Vietnamese. b. 8 million Vietnamese causalities

c. thousands of Vietnamese villages, homes, animals and crops destroyed

d. the deaths of 60,000 U.S soldiers e. none are exceptions

35.(t/f) Through its War Crimes Working Group, the U.S. military documented hundreds of atrocities committed by the U.S. military throughout Vietnam, but kept silent about them.

36.(t/f) Operation Speedy Express killed more civilians every month than were killed at My Lai.

37.(t/f) An example of the power of empire was that none of the upper echelons of U.S. military leadership and no U.S political leaders were punished for the war crimes committed in Vietnam.

38.(m/c) The final phase of the American War involved which of the following?

a. letting Vietnamese troops fight the ground war in Vietnam

b. massive bombing of North Vietnam, and also bombing of Cambodia and Laos.

c. the invasion of Cambodia. d. a and b e. all of above

39.(m/c) According to Bacevich, Americans have fallen prey to militarism which manifests itself in all of the following ways EXCEPT:

a. romanticized view of soldiers b. the view that military power is the true measure of U.S. greatness

c. unrealistic belief in the power of military means to solve problems.

d. fostering of military ideals e. none are exceptions

40.(m/c) According to Bacevich, the president who tied America and American values to a global providential (God) mission was?

a. McKinley b. Wilson c. Theodore Roosevelt d. Franklin Roosevelt e. George W. Bush

41.(m/c) All of the following were groups that played a role in the development of the “new American militarism” EXCEPT:

a. military officers seeking to reestablish their status in U.S. society, especially after Vietnam.

b. intellectuals fearing that American weakness would lead to the end of its imperial goals.

c. pop culture seeking to make money from depictions of heroic military adventures.

d. religious groups worried about secular humanism and the “fall” of American society.

e. none are exceptions

42.(m/c) Which of the following, according to Bacevich, are manifestations of advancing militarism?

a. normalization of war b. U.S. maintaining military power far in excess of its needs.

c. a new image of war as “high tech,” “surgical,” “aesthetic” d. a and b e. all of above

43.(t/f) According to Bacevich, neoconservative ideology contributed to the emergence of the new American militarism by claiming American values are universal and America’s imperial mission should be to spread them.

44.(m/c) According to Bacevich, neoconservatives believe in the need for great leaders, they believed they had one in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but were ultimately disappointed.

a. Eisenhower b. Nixon c. Reagan d. George H.W. Bush e. George W. Bush

45.(t/f) According to Bacevich, more recently, neoconservatives argue that American imperialism was good, necessary and that the peoples of the world would welcome American power.

46.(t/f) According to Bacevich, the U.S. National Security Strategy (Bush Doctrine) was an example of the ways in which neoconservative ideology had become entrenched in the U.S. political system.

47.(t/f) According to Bacevich popular culture’s creation of a mythology has been a factor in the emergence of the new American Militarism

48.(m/c) Which of the following are components of the mythology that contributed to the rise of the new American militarism?

a. it creates a historical narrative of American soldiers as liberators.

b. it convinces Americans that the U.S. military brings peace to the troubled corners of the world

c. it absolves Americans of the burdens of conscience. d. a and c e. all of above

49. (m/c) According to Bacevich, which of the following were evangelical Protestantism's contribution to the new American militarism?

a. gave moral sanction to any use of U.S. force. b. fostered the claim that U.S. force was good

c. U.S. military power is an adjunct to Christ’s saving mission. d. a and b e. all of above

50..(m/c) According to Chalmers Johnson, the U.S. went to war with Iraq a second time because of all of the following reasons EXCEPT:

a. to overthrow Saddam and establish a puppet government.

b. to establish a permanent military presence, an extension of its empire of bases.

c. to control the world’s second largest oil reserves.

d. to liberate the Iraqi people e. none are exceptions