Exam #1

1.(t/f) The ideological basis of Neoliberalism is free market theory.

2.(m/c) All of the following are functions of the “Neoliberal state” EXCEPT:

a. protect rights of property b. provide social services

c. use force, if necessary, to spread Neoliberal practices

d. create markets through privatization e. all of above

3.(m/c) All of the following are conventional wisdoms about the market system EXCEPT:

a. it is governed by laws of cause and effect b. it is based on human nature

c. it guarantees social progress d. workers will benefit e. none are exceptions

4.(m/c) All of the following are true about the world view of Feudalism EXCEPT:

a. the creation was divinely ordered. b. social institutions were ordained by God.

c. a person’s life is a movement from sin to salvation mediated by the Catholic Church.

d. Reason was necessary to understand Revelation. e. none are exceptions

5.(t/f) There were markets in Feudal society but they existed within a web of social relations and were governed by tradition and custom.

6.(m/c) Which of the following did not exist in Feudal society?

a. the concept of upward mobility b. individual pursuit of profit

c. wages determined by the market d. a and b e. all of above

7.(m/c) All of the following are characteristics of the modern world view EXCEPT:

a. Reason would allow “man” to see through superstition and myth.

b. the scientific method would allow “man” to discover the truth about the natural world.

c. Reason and science would lead to progress towards a utopia.

d. science could be the basis of an ethical system. e. none are exceptions

8.(t/f) With the transformation from feudalism and a religious world view to modernity and a secular world view, religion ceased to be a factor shaping the newly emergent modern world.

9.(t/f) *Laissez faire*, the fourth law of the market system, means the government should stay entirely out of the economy unless it needs to bail out companies that are too big to fail.

10.(m/c) All of the following were means of creating land as private property EXCEPT:

a. enclosure b. the forcible and illegal evictions of commoners .

c. rent racking d. violation of copyholding rights e. none are exceptions

11.(t/f) The wage laborers who worked in the “satanic mills” (factories) of early capitalism did so of their own free choice.

12.(m/c) The newly emergent capitalist nation-states helped construct the market system in all of the following ways EXCEPT:

a. funded the physical infrastructure, bridges, roads, railways.

b. funded the financial infrastructure, systems of exchange and their institutions.

c. developed legal infrastructure, including laws that violated tradition and custom.

d. funded the military which created an empire for the newly emerging bourgeoisie.

e. none are exceptions

13.(t/f) India was a counter example of the consequences of colonialism. As a colony in the British Empire, India developed its industrial base and increased the living standards for all of its citizens.

14.(t/f) During the Great Transformation, workers were empowered by the new technologies of production.

15.(m/c) All of the following served as ideological explanations and justifications for the newly emergent market system EXCEPT:

a. Thomas Hobbes’ argument that human beings by nature are competitive.

b. John Locke’s justification of private property as the mixing of land with labor.

c. Economists claiming they had scientifically discovered the laws of the market system.

d. the Reformation and the identification of success in the market system with salvation.

e. none are exceptions

16.(t/f) The function of public education in the newly emergent society was to reproduce workers, as was the new gendered division of labor, “women’s work.”

17.(m/c) All of the following were pre-Civil War constraints on corporations EXCEPT:

a. they were chartered by a state for a single social necessary service.

b. they were limited by size and location. c. they had to meet performance criteria

d. the shareholders were not liable e. none are exceptions

18.(m/c) According to The Corporation, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment gave corporations the rights of persons. a. Twelfth b. Twentieth c. Fourteenth d. Thirteenth

19.(m/c) Corporations have the rights of persons under all of the following Amendments EXCEPT:

a. First b. Fourth c. Fifth d. Sixth e. none are exceptions

20.(t/f) According to The Corporation, public corporations now have only two legal obligations, first, to maximize profit and second, to take responsibility (as legal persons) for their actions.

21.(m/c) From the social construction point of view, the “individual” is:

a. a person torn out of feudal arrangements who is isolated and alone in the “new world.”

b. the newly emergent bourgeoisie looking in the mirror and claiming that what they see in their reflection is “universal human nature.”

c. an ideological construction that justifies the new market system.

d. a and c e. all of above

22.(t/f) The first use of the term “individual” came from secular thinkers, like Hobbes, Locke and Smith.

23.(t/f) Philosophers, sociologists and economists were important in the Great Transformation because the new world needed new explanations and new words to explain the newly emerging reality.

24.(m/c) All of the following were significant in shaping the ideology of individualism for the modern world EXCEPT:

a. psychology and the idea of a self-contained psychic entity.

b. craniometry and the idea of a unitary intelligence.

c. authors and stories of individual economic heroes, self-made men.

d. Gospel of Wealth e. none are exceptions

25.(t/f) The new liberal democracies reinforced the idea of individualism with the identification of their citizens as “rights-bearing” persons.

26.(t/f) Marx argued in “Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts” that the individual was the isolated wage laborer alienated from “his” humanity.

27.(m/c) All of the following were ideological components of Social Darwinism EXCEPT:

a. Durkheim’s theory of anomie b. free market theory c. biological determinism

d. Calvinism e. none are exceptions

28.(t/f) According to Social Darwinism, the free market creates the environment that will guarantee progress for all of humanity.

29.(t/f) According to Social Darwinism, those individuals who succeed are examples of evolutionary progress, survival of the fittest.

30.(t/f) The scientific discovery of intelligence, according to Social Darwinism, justified the social location of individuals, and proved the inferiority of some races.

31.(m/c) In Inside Job, the country that should have been a warning to the U.S and the rest of the world about the inevitable failure of a deregulated financial system was:

a. Italy b. Iceland c. Greenland d. Australia e. Canada

32.(m/c) All of the following were the consequences of the deregulation and privatization of the financial industry of the above country EXCEPT:

a. people losing their savings b. increase in personal bankruptcies

c. people losing their homes d. increased unemployment e. none are exceptions

33.(m/c) Economists claim to be scientists, objective and unbiased. In which of the following ways did Inside Job raise question(s) about this claim? a. economists wrote scientific papers justifying deregulation while receiving money from corporate interests.

b. economists were on the boards of directors of companies pushing for and benefiting from deregulation.

c. economists failed to make public their conflicts of interest and one even changed the name of an article justifying deregulation in the above country.

d. a and c e. all of above

34.(m/c) The flaw in the free market theory, according to Patel, is:

a. the market can not account for highly unlikely events.

b. the market needs to be adequately regulated.

c. there is a discrepancy between the price of something and its value that cannot be fixed.

d. there needs to be adequate input (knowledge)for the market to function.

e. all of above

35.(m/c) The example of the above flaw that Patel gives is when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ became temporarily the world’s most valuable corporation even though it was not doing well.

a. Apple b. Volkswagen c. Porsche d. Ford e. Microsoft

36.(t/f) According to Patel, “stuff” become, or cease to be, commodities for exchange because of social factors. Examples he gives, are human beings, music, and food.

37.(m/c) Gary Becker’s argues that all of the following are or ought to be part of the market system EXCEPT:

a. democracy b. marriage c. immigration d. human organ sales e. none are exceptions

38.(t/f) According to Patel ( referring to The Corporation), corporations have the same personality traits as psychopaths.

39.(m/c) According to Patel, all of the following are examples of externalities EXCEPT:

a. the “social subsidy” to low wage workers, government funded health care, food stamps.

b. the environmental costs of industrial agriculture.

c. billion dollar subsidies to agriculture, especially corn producers.

d. the social costs of obesity. e. none are exceptions.

40.(t/f) According to Patel, a recent study in the U.S. found that banning junk food advertising did not significantly reduce obesity in young people.

41.(m/c) The “multiplier effect” is the added effect the economy gets from government spending. Which of the following would have a greater multiplier effect?

a. tax cuts for the rich b. increased funding for food stamps

42.(t/f) According to Patel, the concept of the “invisible hand” plays a predominate role in Adam Smith’s free market theory.

43.(t/f) Patel argues that governments are not anti-corporate. In fact, he argues from the beginning the U.S. government was organized to serve the interests of the newly emerging revolutionary bourgeoisie.

44.(m/c) Which of the following does Patel give as an example of a public good that has turned “sour” (primarily benefits the private sector and not the public)?

a. public education b. public health care programs like Medicaid

c. defense, military-industrial complex d. investment in sustainable energy

e. none of above

45.(t/f) *Terra Nullius* (land belonging to no one) was a concept used by colonial empires to justify the appropriation of the lands of indigenous people in the U.S. and Australia.

46.(t/f) Claims of witches and witchcraft continue today as means by which people in Africa are being dispossessed of their land.

47.(m/c) The Charter of the Forest guaranteed all of the following:

a. commoners access to pastures for grazing their animals.

b. the right to harvest honey and use medicinal plants.

c. to collect wood d. a and c e. all of above

48.(t/f) The above practices (question: 47) led to the destruction of the commons because people were greedy.

49.(m/c) For centuries, thousands of small-scale fishing communities lived from their catches off the coast of Pakistan. The introduction of industrial trawlers caused all of the following EXCEPT:

a. 70 to 80 per cent decline in fisheries b. growing hunger in the communities

c. good factory jobs for women d. increasing debt e. none are exceptions

50.(t/f) According to Patel, global hunger has nothing to do with the gap between the amount of food produced and the global population. It has to do with food being a commodity in the market system (those who can pay eat).