Exam #1

1.(m/c) Which of the following are recent factors shaping the social construction of reality discipline?

a. a new understanding of language b. new concepts of power c. post-modern thought

d. a and b e. all of above

2.(m/c) Professor Semm argues all of the following EXCEPT:

a. modernity, the modern world, is not the result of progress or social evolution. It is a socially constructed phenomenon

b. powerful individual and collective actors have been able to shape society and its institutions in their interests and to their advantage.

c. throughout the Great Transformation there has been resistance, examples are peasants resisting the enclosure of the commons and workers resisting wage labor.

d. “it is what it is” is an ideological tool that benefits those in power. e. none are exceptions

3.(m/c) All of the following are true about reality according to the Feudal world view EXCEPT:

a. the belief that reality was a divine creation. b. social institutions were ordained by God.

c. natural disasters were God’s will d. the scientific method revealed the Truth.

e. none are exceptions

4.(t/f) The Catholic Church was the dominant institution in Feudal society.

5.(t/f) According to the Feudal world view, humans were at the top of the Great Chain of Being.

6.(t/f) According to the Feudal world view, the natural world was God’s creation and holy.

7.(t/f) According to the Feudal world view, the political system was ordained by God and nobles ruled by divine right.

8.(m/c) The very beginning of the social construction of democracy was the Great Writ of 1215, which established the right of *habeas corpus*. This is written into which amendment of the U.S. Constitution?

a. Fourteenth b. First c. Fourth d. Sixth e. Eighth

9.(m/c) All of the following were characteristics of the feudal economy EXCEPT:

a. It was subsistence agriculture. b. markets were local and governed by tradition, not exchange.

c. serfs made up the majority of the labor force and received wages for their labor.

d. animals were the main source of productive power e. none are exceptions

10.(t/f) The concept of upward mobility did not exist in Feudal society.

11.(t/f) Time in Feudal society was perceived as cyclical, which was one of the reasons there was no concept of progress.

12.(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

13.(m/c) According to the modern world view, Reason would allow “man” to do which of the following?

a. each individual to shape and direct his own life.

b. people to collectively shape the direction of their society.

c. subject all institutions, beliefs, norms and values to rational critique.

d. a and b e. all of above

14.(t/f) The concept of reason was one of the factors leading to emergence of the concept of the individual.

15.(t/f) According to the modern world view, the scientific method and divine revelation would be the bases for discovering the truth about the world.

16.(t/f) According to the modern world view, science would give human beings power to not only control the natural world but shape and control the human world, society.

17.(m/c) Which of the following are assumptions of the Enlightenment view of science?

a. there is a reality out there which exists independently of human beings.

b. reality is governed by causal laws, laws of cause and effect.

c. scientists can discover the laws of nature by means of the scientific method.

d. scientific knowledge is categorically different from faith and opinion. e. all of above

18.(t/f) According to the modern world view, human progress would not only be material it would be moral.

19.(m/c) All of the following are characteristics of the modern economy EXCEPT:

a. It is industrial based with the production of goods and services for exchange in the market..

b. It is based on the ideas of private property, the pursuit of profit, and the economic individual.

c. It involves international and national markets.

d. It involves a new form of labor, wage labor. e. none are exceptions

20.(t/f) The modern economy, free market, involves the merging of capitalism, science and technology.

21.(t/f) The nation-state was a new phenomenon that emerged during the Great Transformation.

22.(m/c) All of the following were a consequence(s) of the Great Transformation and the social construction of modernity EXCEPT:

a. the emergence of the concept of citizen who is endowed with individual rights.

b. a new concept of time, linear time determined by clocks.

c. cities d. free mate selection, marriage base on romantic love e. none are exceptions

23.(m/c) The Great Transformation was such a radical break from the past that it required new words. All of the following are examples EXCEPT:

a. factory b. engineer c. nationality d. sociology e. none are exceptions

24.(m/c) All of the following are claims made about the free market, aka capitalism, EXCEPT:

a. it emerged spontaneously and was discovered by scientists.

b. it is an autonomous sphere governed by laws of cause and effect.

c. it is the best system because it understands human nature, all people are greedy.

d. it will lead to social wealth and progress e. none are exceptions

25.(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.

26.(m/c) According to the laws of the market place all of the following are true EXCEPT:

a. the market will supply high quality affordable products that consumer’s demand.

b. the market will reward those who are innovative, creative and hardworking and punish those that are not.

c. capitalists will reinvest their profit in research and new technologies in order to develop new and better products.

d. workers will benefit because they are free to sell their labor in the market place.

e. none are exceptions.

27.(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. paying peasants for their land d. violation of copyholding rights e. none are exceptions

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

29.(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

30.(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.

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

32.(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

33.(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.”

34.(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

35.(m/c) The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment gave corporations the rights of persons.

a. Twelfth b. Twentieth c. Fourteenth d. Thirteenth

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

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

37.(t/f) Public corporations now have only two legal obligations, first, to maximize profit and second, to take responsibility (as legal persons) for their actions.

38.(t/f) From the social construction point of view, the individual is the person in the capitalist system forced to sell his/her labor power and compete against others.

39.(t/f) The concept of individualism came from secular thinkers, like Hobbes, Locke and Smith, but also from religious thinkers like Martin Luther.

40.(t/f) Philosophers, sociologists and economists were important in the Great Transformation because the new world needed new explanations and they offered them.

41.(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. rags to riches stories

d. the myth of rugged individualism e. none are exceptions

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

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

44.(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

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

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

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

48.(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

49.(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

50.(t/f) According to Patel, social factors have always determined what can or cannot be sold in the market. Examples he gives, are human beings, human organs, and food.

51.(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

52.(t/f) According to Patel, corporations have the same personality traits as psychopaths.

53.(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 the fossil fuel industry.

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

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

54.(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. public works projects repairing our deteriorating infrastructure.

55.(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.

56.(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.

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

58.(t/f) According to Patel, the commons was destroyed because of human nature, people were greedy.

59.(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. seventy to eighty per cent decline in fisheries b. growing hunger in the communities

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

60.(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).