Exam #3

1.(m/c) Since the mid-1970s, the U.S. economy has become a(n):

a. manufacturing based economy b. service based economy c. agricultural based economy

2.(t/f) One of the ways corporations have increased profits is by firing workers even though the corporations are making a profit; this practice was called downsizing, more recently it has been called “right sizing. .

3.(t/f) One consequence of the changing U.S. economy has been a large increase in the number of McJobs.

4.(t/f) San Diego’s economy is a good example of an economy that still produces mainly hi-tec and therefore high paying jobs.

5.(t/f) The good thing about service sector jobs is that the majority of jobs (McJobs) today pay more in real wages, wages adjusted for inflation, than the blue collar, or manufacturing jobs, of the 1950s.

6. (t/f) A consequence of off shoring is a shrinking tax base for communities. A consequence of a lower community tax base is less revenue for schools, roads, and parks in the effected communities.

7.(m/c) All of the following are characteristics of a McJob EXCEPT:

a. minimum wage or low pay b. temporary or part-time c. no benefits

d. little chance for advancement e. increased job security

8.(m/c) The private company in the U.S. that employs the most workers is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. McDonalds b. Walmart c. Manpower d. Microsoft e. General Motors

9.(m/c) According to the documentary “Foreign Service,” the first types of jobs U.S. companies exported to other countries were? a. manufacturing b. financial services c. technology

10.(m/c) According to the documentary “Foreign Service,” most jobs are now being sent to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. Malaysia b. Singapore c. Vietnam d. India e. Indonesia

11.(m/c) In the NAFTA Mike video, the displaced American worker had been employed in what industry?

a. auto b. financial services c. steel d. computer software

12.(m/c) In the NAFTA Mike video, the displaced American worker was doing what at the end?

a. He had gotten his job back but in a maquiladora in Juarez.

b. He was a street vendor competing with Mexican street vendors.

c. He went back to the U.S. and had gotten a job at Taco Bell.

13.(m/c) The official poverty line (threshold) for a family of four in the U.S. is approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before taxes. a. $20,000 b. $23,000 c. $27,000 d. $30,000 e. $35,000

14.(m/c) The formula for establishing the poverty line in the U.S. is \_\_\_ times the cost of a minimal subsistence diet. a. 2 b. 3 c. 4 d. 5 e. 6

15.(t/f) According to Second Thoughts, the number of people on welfare has continued to rise since welfare reform during the Clinton administration because of the increase in benefits.

16.(m/c) All of the following are problems with the poverty line formula EXCEPT:

a. it overestimates the number of poor. b. it should be 5 times the cost of a minimal subsistence diet.

c. a minimal subsistence diet is not adequate to maintain health.

d. it is calculated before taxes. e. none are exceptions

17.(m/c) Which of the following terms describes those poor who make one-half or less of the poverty line?

a. working poor b. near poor c. poor poor d. lazy e. culturally deficient

18.(t/f) In recent years the number of people who are working and are still below the poverty line has increased.

19.(t/f) The U.S. has the lowest rate of poverty of any industrial country and offers the most social service programs, e.g., health care, job training, low income housing.

20.(m/c) There are now \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the U.S. living at one-half or below the poverty line.

a. 10 million b. 15 million c. 20 million d. 25 million e. 30 million

21.(m/c) Poverty serves all of the following functions EXCEPT:

a. creates a large number of low wage workers for McJobs.

b. provides workers to do society’s dangerous and dirty jobs.

c. creates scapegoats, someone to blame when something goes wrong with the economy.

d. is a source of profit through a poverty surcharge e. none are exceptions

22.(t/f) Inequality between rich and poor countries continues to decrease as capitalism spreads throughout the world.

23.(t/f) According to your professor, increasing pollution in poorer countries and increasing destruction of the environment in poor countries are the result of cultural backwardness which shapes the bad environmental policies of the poor countries.

24.(m/c) The World Bank has established a global poverty line of \_\_\_\_ a day. a. $1 b.$1.25 c. $2 d. $2.50

25.(m/c) The dominant institution(s) in the global power structure is(are) :

a. first world governments b. multi-national corporations c. U.S. military

d. World Bank e. World Trade Organization

26.(t/f) The sweat shops in Saipan, a U.S. territory, are not covered by U.S. laws and therefore people working there are in debt bondage, an example of what is called “new slavery.”

27.(m/c) The documentary “Women’s Work,” where the garment workers protested the MNC leaving their country without paying them was set in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. China b. Thailand c. Bangladesh d. Honduras e. Saipan

28.(m/c) The increasing number of slums in the Third World make them and the people living in them more vulnerable to all of the following EXCEPT:

a. natural disasters b. fires c. toxic pollution d. contaminated water e. none are exceptions

29.(t/f) Millions are hungry throughout the world despite the fact that enough food is produced in the world to feed everyone.

30.(t/f) “Export processing zones” have been shown to benefit the people of the host country significantly through the revenue generated by taxing the economic activity of the zones and the “trickle down” effect.

31.(t/f) Third world countries pay more in debt repayment than they receive in aid each year, therefore guaranteeing that they will never escape debt.

32.(t/f) Disasters are a wonderful opportunity for the First World to gain control of the economies of the Third World and shape them in the interests of First World multi-national corporations.

33(m/c) Developmental loans go to all of the following EXCEPT:

a. Third World elite b. military c. export infrastructure d. education and health e. none are exceptions

34.(m/c) Which of the following companies was found guilty of hiring paramilitary to kill union leaders?

a. ExxonMobil b. Chiquita c. Dole d. Coca Cola e. none of above

35.(t/f) NAFTA and GATT are trade agreements that limit the flow of goods and services between countries and by means of a system of tariffs.

36.(m/c) All of the following are examples of the demands of structural adjustment programs EXCEPT:

a. countries must privatize national industries b. countries must privatize government services

c. if education and health care are not privatized countries must charge user fees

d. countries must increase social services that they provide to people e. none are exceptions

37.(m/c) All of the following are examples of countries and people resisting global power EXCEPT:

a. popular rejection of international trade agreements b. refusal by countries to take developmental loans

c. nationalization of domestic resources d. Landless Peoples Movement e. none are exceptions

38.(m/c) The documentary “Trading Democracy,” dealt with a NAFTA Ch 11 claim filed by a U.S. corporation against: a. Mexico b. Canada c. France d. Guatemala e. El Salvador

39.(m/c) All of the following are goals of the global power structure EXCEPT:

a. cheap resources b. cheap labor c. financial liberalization

d. acceptance of intellectual property rights. e. none are exceptions

40.(m/c) The U.S. spends \_\_\_\_\_ of its discretionary budget on the military.

a. 33% b. 47% c. 56% d. 66%

41.(t/f) If all the money in the federal budget that goes to the military, directly or indirectly, is taken into account, the U.S. spends more on its military than all the other countries spend on their militaries added together.

42.(m/c) The Pentagon can not account for approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

a. $10 billion b. $100 billion c. $1 trillion d. $1.7 trillion

43.(m/c) According to the U.S. military, \_\_\_\_\_\_U.S. soldiers have been killed in Iraq.

a. 3911 b. 4483 c. 5128 d. 6125

44.(m/c) According to the U.S. military, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. soldiers have been injured in Iraq.

a. 17,501 b. 28,451 c. 33,183 d. 41,155

45.(t/f) The number of U.S. soldiers with TBI is over 300,000.

46.(t/f) The U.S. government will spend more in Iraq next year than it will on higher education in the U.S.

47.(m/c) Which of the following are consequences for Iraqi society of Iraq War II?:

a. five million refugees b. 1 in 4 children “wasting” c. a million internally displaced people

d. a and b e. all of above

48.(t/f) All of the following are examples of “blowback” from the Iraq and Afghanistan war EXCEPT:

a. veterans becoming the fastest growing segment of the homeless population.

b. increasingly high rates of domestic violence in the military and among veterans.

c. increasing suicide rate among veterans. d. increasing anti-Americanism throughout the world.

e. none are exceptions.

49.(t/f) The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in ex parte Milligan that the President of the United States because he is the Commander in Chief of the military during time of war is not constrained by the Constitution.

50.(m/c) According to Gangs, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_allows corporations to vote directly.

a. Hong Kong b. Singapore c. Bangkok d. Myanmar e. U.S.

51.(m/c) One of the results of war is the development of new technologies of destruction. Which of the following are examples of this?

a. WWII and the development of the atom bomb. b.Vietnam war and the development of Agent Orange.

c. Iraq and Afghanistan war and pilot less drone planes. d. Iraq and Afghanistan war and “bunker busting” nuclear bombs. e. all of above

52.(m/c) According to Gangs, which of the following corporations played a leading role in the CIA-sponsored coup of Guatemala? a. ITT b. Coca Cola c. United Fruit d. Union Minere e. BP

53. (m/c) According to Gangs, which of the following became dominant institutions globally after WWII?

a. World Bank b. IMF c. WTO d. a and b e. all of above

54.(t/f) According to Gangs, Enron benefited from the debt crisis in the 1980s and was able to make profitable deals for itself with countries around the world

55.(m/c) According to Gangs, which of the following countries opened five nonunion economic areas (export processing zones) in the 1980s which attracted huge investment from corporations like Walmart, Kmart, J.C. Penny?

a. Mexico b. Indonesia c. China d. India e. Brazil

56.(m/c) All of the following are corporate rights gained through regional free trade agreements EXCEPT:

a. national treatment, foreign corporations must be given same treatment as domestic corporations.

b. minimal standard of treatment, foreign corporations must be treated under the requirements of international law.

c. compensation for regulatory takings, foreign corporations can sue for new regulations that reduce expected profits.

d. limits to profits a foreign corporation can make and take out of a country. e. none are exceptions

57.(m/c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sued a small group of environmental activists for libel, because the activists claimed that the corporation’s practices had severe negative environmental impacts. The activists became heroes in England.

a. McDonalds b. BP c. General Motors d. Royal Dutch Shell e. Austin Martin

58.(t/f) According to Gangs, Codes of Conduct developed during the Clinton administration were extremely successful in regulating global sweatshops, guaranteeing a living wage amd a forty hour week.

59.(m/c) The Program on Corporation, Law and Democracy brought a complaint in California which was an attempt to revoke \_\_\_\_\_’s charter because it violated environmental laws, used forced labor, and went into partnership with the Taliban.

a. Unocal b. Chevron Texaco c. Enron d. BP e. all of above

60.(m/c) According to Gangs, there were wide-spread populist, socialist and labor movements in the U.S in the late 19th century and early 20th century. The main reason for their failure was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. lack of popular support b. confusion within the movement c. state repression through violence

61.(t/f) According to your professor, the first casualty of war is democracy.

62.(m/c) All of the following are examples of democracy being the first casualty of war EXCEPT:

a. Espionage Act b. EO9066 c. COINTELPRO d. Patriot Act e. none are exceptions

63.(m/c) Which of the following Bill of Rights establishes the right to due process?

a. Fourth Amendment b. Fifth Amendment c. Sixth Amendment d. a and b e. all of above

64.(m/c) The U.S.A. Patriot act allows “sneak and peak” searches of American citizens. This undermines what Constitutional Amendment?

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

65.(t/f) The Great Writ, also known as the right of *habeus corpus*, is the basis of democracy because it is the most fundamental protection of the individual from the arbitrary use of state power.

69.(m/c) According to your professor, the most significant positive institutional change that can be made in American society is:

a. campaign finance reform b. increase in minimum wage c. universal health care

d. punish corporate criminals e. none are exceptions.

70.(m/c) According to your professor, all the following are ways to become more knowledgeable EXCEPT:

a. read more b. view documentaries c. escape corporate media d. listen to both sides

e. none are exceptions

62.(m/c) The Daily Show that dealt with same-sex relationships in the animal kingdom focused

primarily on: a. monkeys b. penguins c. lemurs d. polar bears e. weasels

1. (m/c) All of the following are true about the negative impact of meat on the environment and human beings EXCEPT:

a. A large percent of grain is diverted from human consumption to the feeding of livestock

b. Each steer in a feedlot produces about 50 pounds of urine and feces a day, that is put in lagoons.

c. Demand for meat is the one of the most significant reasons for cutting down the rainforests.

d. Factory farming creates greenhouse gases.

e. None are exceptions.

2.(m/c) According to the text, all of the following are causes of the wasteful and environmentally destructive practices of American society EXCEPT:

a. cornucopia view of nature. b. capitalism c. materialism d. individualism e. none are exceptions .

3.(m/c) The main factor determining whether one lives near a toxic or hazardous waste site is:

a. class (poor) b. race c. rural area d. urban area

4.(m/c) The continuing loss of nutrient rich topsoil necessary to sustain plant and animal life is caused mainly by:

a. drought b. global warming c. farming practices d. natural forces of erosion

5.(t/f)) One of the main reasons that farmers use large amounts of pesticides and herbicides is that the government subsidizes it.

6.(m/c) All of the following are environmental consequences of human induced global warning EXCEPT:

a. melting polar ice cap b. rising ocean temperature

c. catastrophic climate events d. corral reefs bleeching e. none are exceptions

7.(m/c) All of the following are social problems that will result from continued global warming EXCEPT:

a. hunger b. displacement of populations c. cost of storm damage

d. increased global conflict e. none are exceptions

8. (m/c)The U.S. has 5% of the world’s population but produces \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the world’s greenhouse gases.

a. 5% b. 15% c. 20% d. 25% e. 50%

9.(m/c)The following groups (Global Climate Coalition, Information Council for the Environment, The Advancement of Sound Science Coalition) have all of the following in common EXCEPT:

a. They claim that the idea of human induced global warming is open to debate.

b. They are funded by the oil, coal, and auto industries.

c. Their experts have done independent research and published their results in scientific journals.

d. none are exceptions

10.(t/f) Eighty thousand tons of high-level radioactive waste will be shipped to Nevada to be buried under

Yucca mountain which is on an earthquake fault line.

11. (t/f) One of the products of our sewage system is millions of pounds of toxic sludge, fecal matter contaminated with PCBs, pesticides, arsenic, bacteria, viruses, and worms. The EPAs solution to disposal has been to rename the toxic sludge “biosolids” and sell it as fertilizer.

12.(m/c) All of the following are true about the administration’s policies towards the environment EXCEPT:

a. Withdrew arsenic in drinking water standard.

b. “Clarified” the Clean Water Act so that it allowed more pollution of rivers and streams.

c. Advocated the recycling of low level radioactive waste into consumer products.

d. Shifted the cost of Superfund cleanup from the polluters to the taxpayers.

e. none of the above are exceptions

13.(m/c) Which of the following are reasons that the political system is unresponsive to serious environmental problems?

a. Anti-environmental industries provide funding for political campaigns.

b. Anti-environmental industries spend millions on lobbying.

c. Representatives from anti-environmental industries are appointed to government regulatory agencies that are responsible for protecting the environment for the common good.

d. a and b e. all of the above

14.(m/c) The Bush Administration has revised, eliminated, and “clarified,” or attempted to eliminate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

hundred environmental regulations.

a. 100 b. 200 c. 300 d. 400 e. 400

15.(m/c) There were approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people killed in war in the 20th century.

a. 75 million b. 100 million c. 125 million d. 150 million e. 115 million

19.(t/f) Since World War II the trend has been that more civilians are killed in war than combatants.

20.(m/c) At the time the lecture was given, there the number of American soldiers killed in Operation Iraq Freedom was\_\_\_\_\_\_,

a. 1200 b. 1700 c. 2400 d. 2800 e. 3200

21.(m/c) US military casualties in the first Iraq War were reported to be approximately 300 killed, and 467 wounded. The Veterans Administration has revised this to approximately:

a. 1000 killed, 10,000 wounded or disabled b. 3000 killed, 30,000 wounded or disabled

c. 5000 killed, 100,000 wounded or disabled d. 8,000 killed, 150,000 wounded or disabled

e. the original figure was correct

22.(t/f) Estimates of Iraqis killed so far in Operation Iraqi Freedom range from 150,00 to 600,000.

23.(m/c) Civilians can be killed after a war ends by which of the following?

a. cluster bomblets b. depleted uranium c. land mines d. b and c e. all of the above

24.(m/c) Which of the following could be considered *blowbac*k from the US war on terror in Afghanistan and Iraq?

a. Increased opium production in Afghanistan. b. Increasing insurgency in Iraq

c. Increasing global anti-American opinion d. a and c e. all of the above

25.(t/f) Genocide can be a consequence of war. The “killing fields” of Cambodia are an example.

28.(m/c) The Department of Defense can’t account for ( has lost) approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

a. $250 billion b. $500 billion c. $750 billion d. $1 trillion e. $2 trillion

29.(t/f) If all U.S. direct and indirect military expenditures are taken into account, the U.S. spends more on its military than the rest of the world together.

30.(m/c) The documentary “The Call to War” said that part-time soldiers both National Guard and

Reservists make up \_\_\_\_\_\_ of every soldier in Iraq.

a. 1 out 2 b. 1 out of 3 c. 1 out 4 d. 1 out 5 e. 1 out of 300

31.(m/c) The above documentary dealt with reservists called up in what state?

a. California b. Illinois c. Iowa d. Kansas e. Nebraska

32.(m/c) All of the following are social problems that are a result of the call up of the National Guard EXCEPT:

a. broken families, even families where both the mother and father are called up.

b. negative effect on local economy because so many people in the community leave their jobs.

c. negative effect on social services, like police and fire d. none of above

33.(m/c) Which of the following was used by the US military to defoliate the jungle of Vietnam and had the result of

poisoning US soldiers and Vietnamese civilians?

a. Agent Orange b. DDT c. Napalm d. depleted uranium4