Exam #1

1. Social Constructionism argues all of the following EXCEPT:

a. social reality is created by human beings through interactions at the micro level.

b. social reality becomes institutionalized and objectified, something out there.

c.social reality becomes reified, people don’t recognize it as humanly constructed.

d. social reality exercises power over people, who believe “it is what it is.”e. none are exceptions

2.(m/c) According to Professor Semm, American Exceptionalism is both an ideology and a mythology that serves all of the following functions EXCEPT:

a. provides a narrative for collective and individual identity.

b. functions to legitimate the status quo and therefore power arrangements.

c. forces Americans to take moral responsibility for its country’s policies that harm others.

d. functions as an ideology of social control. e. none are exceptions

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

a. America is a unique country, qualitatively different and superior to all other countries.

b. America is a country of finite possibilities, and to be successful means competing against others for limited resources and limited opportunities.

c. America is a benevolent country and only acts towards other peoples and countries for

moral reasons.

d. Achieving the America dream is possible for anyone. e. none are exceptions

4.(m/c) Manifest destiny functioned in all of the following ways EXCEPT:

a. reinforced the belief that the country had a special relationship with God.

b. identified the Anglo-Saxon race as God’s new chosen people.

c. justified Indian removal.d. justified war with Mexico.e. none are exceptions

5.(m/c) Social Darwinism involved all of the following EXCEPT:

a. it justified the extreme economic inequality of the First Guilded Age.

b. it appropriated Darwin’s idea of evolution his concept ofthe survival of the fittest.

c. it was used by courts to justify legal decisions that reproduced social inequalities.

d. it justified slavery and genocide e. none are exceptions

6.(m/c) President McKinley waged war, killed 250,000, and “benevolently assimilated” what people?a. people of Puerto Rico b. people of Cuba c. people of Philippines

d. people of Hawaii e. none of the above

7.(t/f) Colonists ignored the rights of Native Americans to their land by claiming they had not developed the land and it was therefore *terra nullius*, land occupied by no one.

8.(m/c) The “other side” of American Exceptionalism involved all of the following EXCEPT:

a. the social construction of the “other” as less than human, or human but inferior.

b. the belief that nature was a resource that needed to be dominated, controlled and exploited.

c. the commitment not to use violence against the “other.”

d. the belief that success and failure were the individual’s responsibility.e. none are exceptions

9.(m/c) Which of the following are parts of the mythology of the American capitalism?

a. it is the model free market system. b. it was created out of the wilderness by rugged individuals.

c. it offers opportunity for anyone to be successful who works hard

d. a and b e. all of above

10.(m/c) All of the following are characteristics of the currentAmerican economic system EXCEPT:

a. shared monopolies dominate every area of economic activity.

b. large corporations are governed by interlocking boards of directors

c. the government funds the activity of large corporations with direct and indirect subsidies.

d. small businesses are still the backbone of the economy.e. none are exceptions

11.(m/c) During the first phase, primitive accumulation, the government subsidized the construction of the economic system in all of the following ways EXCEPT:

a. gave land grants to rich individuals b. funded Andrew Jackson’s wars against the Indians

c. used legislative means to dispossess native peoples, Removal Act

d. used treaties to force the Cherokee to pay for their own removal.e. none are exceptions

12.(m/c) Indentured servants were a socially constructed labor force in all of the following ways EXCEPT:

a. Acts of Enclosure b. Poor Laws c. Corn Laws d. a and b e. all of above

13.(m/c) Slavery providedthe labor force for the American agricultural economy. Which of the following were factors in the social construction of slavery?

a. American Exceptionalism and the social construction of the “other.”b. U.S. Constitution

c. slave patrols to hunt down escaped slavesd. a and b e. all of above

14.(m/c) All of the following are true about Columbus EXCEPT:

a. he discovered the island that he named Hispaniola b. he enslaved the indigenous people

c. he exterminated the indigenous people d. he created the African slave trade e. none are exceptions

15.(t/f) The primary means for dispossessing small farmers of their farms was debt.

16.(m/c) Which of the following means were used to further dispossess native Americans of

their land?

a. total war b. elimination of the buffalo c. Dawes Actd. a and c e. all of above

17.(m/c) The technology that drove the industrialization of the American economy was the railroad. Which of the following were ways that the railroad industry was subsidized?

a. land grants were given by the government to the industry. b. U.S. military “cleared” the land of native Americans.c. Chinese Exclusion Act.d. a and b e. all of above

18.(m/c) The largest company in the U.S. during the second phase was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. U.S. Steel b. Union Pacific c. Pennsylvania Railroad d. Central Pacific

19.(m/c) The industrialization of the American economy led to all of the following EXCEPT?

a. the rise of the modern corporation b. urbanization c. national markets

d. a system of wage labor e. none are exceptions

40.(m/c) In the chapter on “Progress,” Fraser argues that the term progress took on its modern meaning during the First Guilded Age. This modern meaning is tied to all of the following EXCEPT:

a. technological innovation b. material abundance c. moral progressd. economic progress

e. none are exceptions

41.(m/c) In the above chapter, Fraser uses an event as a metaphor to support his argument about this transformation of the idea of progress; it is the:

a. World’s Fair of 1936 b. Columbian Exhibition of 1792 c. 1876 Centennial Exposition

42.(t/f) According to Fraser, the new idea of Progress created a new social hero, not the pioneer, not the soldier, but the business man, the American Entrepreneur.

43.(t/f) According to the Fraser, the one thing the Robber Barons didn’t want was a free market and real competition.

44.(m/c) Fraser argues in the chapter on Progress, Poverty and Primitive Accumulation the dispossession of the indigenous people was central to industrialization. He gives the example of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who were dispossessed of their land on Long Island.

a. Cherokee b. Iroquois c. Montauketts d. Powhatan e. Chumash

45.(t/f) In the same chapter, Fraser argues that the elimination of pre-capitalist forms of production, what he calls disaccumulation, created markets for capitalist-supplied goods.

46.(m/c) In the above chapter, Fraser argues that it was necessary for the newly industrializing America to create a proletariat to work in its factories. What were the means?

a. fencing off millions of acres with barbed wire, America’s form of “enclosure.” b. convict lease system

c. defrauding farmers of their land d. b and c e. all of above

47.(m/c) According to Fraser, all of the following were consequences of the formative phase of industrial capitalism EXCEPT:

a. it was a “killing ground” for workers, who died in extremely high numbers.

b. it led to the betterment of living conditions for workers.c. a significant part of the labor force were children.

d. it created a reserve army of unemployed that needed to be controlled. e. none are exceptions.

48.(m/c) All of the following were crimes created to ensure that former slaves would provide a labor force for the Southern economy EXCEPT:

a. talking to white women b. being impudent c. disobeying a boss d. partying e. none are exceptions

49.(m/c) According to Fraser, by the 1890s, it was commonly understood by most that America was a plutocracy, but he says most American’s were more concerned about something else. It was:

a. the emergence of an aristocracy in America. b. the threat of socialism

50.(m/c) All of the following were premonitions concerning the coming “Second Civil War” EXCEPT:

a. skilled artisans organizing and identifying themselves as a class.

b. worker movements for a ten hour day. c. gangs of militant workers controlling sections of New York City. d. criticism of the new economic system from writers and ministers. e. none are exceptions