Exam #1 Soc 433

1.(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

2.(t/f) American Exceptionalism justified Manifest Destiny, the belief that God had ordained the white race to conquer and occupy the land that is now the continental United States.

3.(m/c) American Exceptionalism can be used to justify which of the following conventional wisdoms (ideas/beliefs that the majority of people have)?

a. America is the land of equal opportunity. b. America is the greatest country in the world.

c. If America invades another country, it is for humanitarian reasons. d. a and b e. all of above

4.(t/f) Systemic Power is structural; institutions are organized and policies implemented that maintain and further the system and benefit those in privileged positions within the system.

5.(m/c) Which of the following are components of systemic power?

a. economic power b. political power c. force d. a and b e. all of above

6.(t/f) According to Professor Semm, ideological power is less effective in a democracy like the U.S. because of freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

7.(m/c) Which of the following are goals of systemic power?

a. maintain system b. further system c. eliminate possible resistance d. a and c e. all of above

8.(m/c) Which of the following are ways that systemic power is universalizing global control?

a. global institutions b. global trade agreements c. United Nations

d. a and b e. all of above

9.(m/c) The universalizing of systemic power is committed to which of the following?

a. every institution should be a corporation or modeled after corporations. b. the militarization of social control c. elimination of traditional cultures except as commodities d. a and c e. all of above.

10.(t/f)) Universalizing systemic power means universalizing corporatized democracy, or democracy for corporations and the rich.

11(m/c). Universalizing systemic power has all of the following global consequences EXCEPT:

a. massive species extinction b. global warming c. increasing alienation of populations

d. a commodified consumer culture, the McDonaldization of the World e. none are exceptions

12.(t/f) Universalizing ideological control means universalizating neoliberalism, a theory that claims that there is no alternative (TINA) to the process of capitalist globalization.

13.(t/f) Large corporations and an entrenched upper class dominate systemic power in the U.S .

14.(m/c) All of the following are examples of “favorable treatment by market friendly governments that have allowed the rich” to get richer EXCEPT:

a. tax “reform” legislation b. deregulation c. privatization of public lands

d. government subsidies e. none of above

15.(m/c) Labor’s capacity to resist systemic power has been reduced by all of the following EXCEPT:

a. automation b. off shoring c. deindustrialization d. high union dues

e. none are exceptions.

16.(m/c) The function(s) of the political system within the system of power is which of the following?

a. pass legislation that will benefit corporations and the upper class.

b. increase regulation of economic activity. c. privatize publicly owned land, resources and services

d. a and c e. all of above

17.(t/f) The corporate media is owned by several of the large corporations that dominate systemic power in the U.S.

18.(m/c) The function of the mass media within the system of power is all of the following EXCEPT:

a. distract the public from real issues. b. promote conventional wisdoms

c. create a population preoccupied with consumption

d. create a group of human beings who are totally preoccupied with a virtual world.

e. none are exceptions

19.(m/c) Higher education in the U.S. is now modeled on corporations in all of the following ways EXCEPT:

a. It is structured on the business model. b. it views the degree as a commodity that it is selling in the educational market place. c. administrators self-identify as managers d. students are viewed as revenue streams

e. none are exceptions

20.(m/c) The function of higher education within the system of power is all of the following EXCEPT:

a. filter knowledge b. socialize students into acquiescent and obedient subjects of power

c. nurture creativity and imagination d. limit the development of critical thinking skills

e. none are exceptions

21.(m/c) The police and the criminal justice system function within the system of power in which of the following ways?

a. criminalize, enforce, prosecute and incarcerate, those dispossessed by the system.

b. protect the property of the rich c. forcibly control dissent d. a and b e. all of above

22.(m/c) The military is intertwined with other components in the system of power in which of the following ways?

a. education: ROTC at universities b. economy: weapons contractors

c. ideology: ceremonies at sporting events, movies, television shows. d. a and c e. all of above

23.(m/c) According to Aftershock, there are strong parallels between the Great Depression and the Great Recession. Which of the following are examples?

a. There were booms in the financial sectors based on speculative bubbles.

b. Middle class wages were stagnant and the middle class was forced to go into debt.

c. Consumer demand decreased d. a and b e. all of above

24.(m/c) According to Aftershock, all of the following made the middle class more secure after the Great Depression EXCEPT:

a. unemployment insurance b. social security c. disability insurance

d. forty hour work week e. none are exceptions

25.(m/c) According to Aftershock, the “multiplier effect” means that money spent has which of the following positive outcomes for the economy and workers?

a. creates jobs b. creates a larger tax base c. provides money for research

d. a and b e. all of above

26.(m/c) According to Aftershock, the rescue plan proposed and enacted by the Bush and Obama administrations to solve the crisis of the Great Recession was designed to save the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a. real economy, aka Main Street b. financial economy, aka Wall Street

27.(t/f) According to Aftershock, those in power still argue that the problems with the economy can

only be solved by less government and worker’s “tightening their belts,” also called austerity.

28.(m/c).According to Aftershock, all of the following could have been done to offset the negative effects of globalization and automation EXCEPT:

a. more bargaining power could have been given to service workers.

b. the safety net could have been enlarged, for example, unemployment insurance covering part time work.

c. insurance for entire communities that lost their major employer could have been provided.

d. transition assistance to help workers move to new jobs. e. none are exceptions

29.(m/c) According to Aftershock, the middle class tried to cope with the stagnant and declining

income in all of the following ways EXCEPT:

a. women entering the workforce. b. average worker working longer hours

c. middle class borrowing on their homes d. people entering the workforce at an earlier age

e. none are exceptions

30.(t/f) According to Aftershock, in 2009 GM sold more cars in China than the U.S., while being bailed out with U.S. taxpayer money.

31.(m/c) According to Aftershock, a “new deal for the middle class” would include all of the following EXCEPT:

a. a reverse income tax b. lower marginal tax rates on the wealthy

c. school vouchers based on family income d. Medicare for all e. none are exceptions

32.(t/f) According to Aftershock, one of the solutions to the problem of the undermining of our democracy would be stronger campaign finance laws.

33.(t/f) According to Aftershock, affluent Americans are able to escape into private communities

and fund high levels of services and infrastructure through fees and special taxes.

34.(t/f) According to Aftershock, the “basic bargain” of consumer capitalism is that workers are

also consumers. Their earnings are continually recycled to buy consumer goods and services.

So workers need a proportionate gain in income growth to keep the economy going.

35.(m/c) The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment is cited as having established the precedent that corporations are persons within the law.

a. Twelve b. Thirteenth c. Fourteenth d. Fifteenth e. Nineteenth

36.(m/c) According to Gangs, corporate personhood has had which of the following consequences?

a. hindered the government’s ability to regulate the workplace for safety

b. prevented states from taxing corporations c. prevented campaign finance reform

d. a and b e. all of above

37.(m/c) According to Gangs, corporations have the same constitutional protections as persons under which of the following Amendments?

a. First b. Fourth c. Eighth d. a and c e. all of above

38.(m/c) According to Gangs, the leaders in early America believed that corporations were necessary to:

a. create jobs b. provide goods and services to consumers

c. meet social needs d. a and b e. all of above

39.(m/c) According to Gangs, the \_\_\_\_\_\_(s) was (were) given the power to regulate corporations.

a. Federal government b. the States

40.(m/c) According to Gangs, all of the following were pre-Civil War controls over corporations EXCEPT:

a. life span was limited to 20-30 years. b. charters limited the amount of investment capital, capitalization

c. shareholders were not liable d. charters sometimes limited amount of profit e. none are exceptions

41.(t/f) The assumption concerning corporations in early America was that they were inherently dangerous because of their capacity to accumulate power.

42.(t/f) According to Gangs, the term “survival of the fittest” was coined by a sociologist, Herbert Spencer.

43.(m/c) According to Gangs, the social theory with the most significant influence on Supreme Court decisions was:

a. democratic theory b. social Darwinism c. structural functionalism

d. liberal social theory e. none of the above

44.(m/c) According to Gangs, the elite considered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the most dangerous man in America in the 1960’s and 1970s.

a. Eugene Debs b. Ralph Nader c. Daniel Ellsberg d. Martin Luther King Jr. e. Dalton Trumbo

45.(m/c) According to Gangs, which of the following have been means that corporations used to regain power lost in the 1960s and 1970s EXCEPT:

a. ALEC b. corporate front groups c. Business Roundtable. d. b and c e. none are exceptions

46.(m/c) Which of the following are ruling between 1970s and 80s that gave corporations the right to free speech and undermined attempts at campaign finance reform?

a. Buckley v Valeo b. First National Bank of Boston v Belotti

c. Brown v Board of Education d. a and b e. all of above

47.(m/c) All of the following are characteristics of a fascist movement EXCEPT:

a. highly nationalistic, claiming a special relation to God.

b. nostalgic about a past, and a goal to recapture that past.

c. racist, and the belief that inferior races are a threat.

d. construction of a fictional narrative, a lying world, that is more appealing than reality.

d. none are exceptions.

48.(t/f) Demonizing a group, or groups, and violence are characteristics of a fascist movement.

49.(m/c) A fascist nation is composed of which of the following?

a. a highly centralized government led by charismatic dictator. b. centralized and highly concentrated economy.

c. a large military that receives a disproportionately large share of resources.

d. a and c e. all of above

50.(t/f) The function of the ideological institutions in a fascist nation is:

a. perpetuate the myth of the nation b. sell the lying world to the public

c. instill values of obedience and respect for authority d. a and c e. all of above