Exam #1

1.(m/c) The sociological imagination involves which of the following?

a. A willingness to see things from another’s point of view.

b. The ability to see how social patterns influence individual lives.

c. Moving away from thinking about individuals as the cause of social problems. d. b and c e. all of above

2.(t/f) Citizens in “social welfare” countries pay much more than Americans for social services, such as medical care, education, child care, and libraries and parks, because they pay such high taxes.

3.(m/c) All of the following are true about the millions of poor in America EXCEPT:

a. they receive an inferior education. b. they live in substandard housing.

c. they are more likely to be exposed to toxic chemicals.

d. they receive better social welfare benefits than the poor of any other country. e. none are exceptions

4.(t/f) Conventional wisdoms refer to the ideas and beliefs that the majority of the population

accept without question.

5.(m/c) The text argues which of the following positions:

a. Social structure which disadvantages the powerless is the main social problem in America.

b. Individual deviance is the main social problem in America.

6.(m/c) According to the Annenberg study, heavy television viewers are more likely to do which of the following?

a. buy a gun b. buy a dog c. fortify their homes with iron bars d. a and c e. all of above

7.(t/f) The U.S. has less inequality in wealth and less poverty than any other industrial nation.

8.(m/c) All of the following are vital needs EXCEPT:

a. good job b. affordable and quality health care c. affordable and quality education

d. corporate deregulation e. none are exceptions

9.(m/c) All of the following is (are) necessary (vital need) characteristics of a good job EXCEPT:

a. decent wages b. reasonable hours c. job security d. benefits e. none are exceptions

10.(m/c) There is an increasing concentration of ownership in all of the following areas of the

media EXCEPT:

a. cable channels b. college textbooks c. daily newspapers d. radio e. none are exceptions

11.(m/c) All of the following are consequences of mergers between large corporations EXCEPT:

a. they reduce competition and cause increased prices for consumers.

b. they increase the power of corporations over workers and governments.

c. they cause job loss d. they are good for consumers e. none are exceptions

12.(m/c) According to the text, hard work and smart investments are not the only way the rich get richer; the rich also get richer because of government policies. Which of the following are examples?

a. elimination of the estate tax b. reduction of corporate tax rates

c. reduction of tax rates on dividend and capital gains income d. a and b e. all of above

13.(t/f) Increasing inequality in wealth and income gives the upper class power over the political system.

14.(t/f) Increasing inequality gives the upper class power to shape social institutions, such as education and health care, to their advantage.

15.(t/f) Since the mid-1970s, real wages are stagnant or declining for 90% of income earners.

16.(m/c) All of the following are examples of American “Undemocracy” EXCEPT:

a. the Electoral College b. the winner-take-all nature of the electoral system

c. disenfranchisement through gerrymandering

d. legal hindrances keeping third parties from getting on the ballot e. none are exceptions

17.(m/c) According to the text, which of the following are examples of subsidies to big business?

a. government installed price supports to guarantee profit.

b. Bailout of airline industry which then fired thousands of workers.

c. the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill. d. b and c e. all of above

18.(m/c) All of the following are true about the U.S. economy EXCEPT:

a. 500 large corporations dominate sales and profits. b. small businesses are the backbone of the economy.

c. mergers of large corporations, Exxon-Mobil, Time-Turner-Warner-AOL, have led to greater concentration.

d. all sectors of the economy are dominated by shared monopolies. e. none are exceptions

19.(m/c) The transformation of the economy, deindustrialization, has led to all of the following EXCEPT:

a. millions of displaced workers b. increased unemployment c. downward social mobility

d. insecurity about retirement e. none are exceptions

20.(m/c) Median household income in the U.S is approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. $50,000 b. $75,000 c. $25,000 d. $35,00 e. none of above

21.(m/c) According to the Citigroup memo, which of the following is (are) true?

a. The U.S. and the other countries mentioned in the memo are ruled by the wealthy.

b. The wealthy have become wealthier at the expense of the working class.

c. The governments of the countries mentioned have acted to help the wealthy.

d. a and c e. all of above

22.(m/c) On a Daily Show about the California energy crisis, tapes of traders showed that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took advantage of the crisis to raise the price of electricity on “Grandma Millie.”

a. SDG&E b. Sempra c. Enron d. Bechtel e. Halliburton

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Match the democratic institution or process to the way it is undermined.

Institution/Process Ways

23. electoral process a. corporate owned, advertising sponsored

24. legislative process b. underfunding and revolving door

25. judicial system c. lobbying

26. regulatory system d. politicians appointing judges

27. free press e. campaign financing

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28.(t/f) The upper ten percent of income earners receive over 80% of all investment income.

29.(m/c) The main lobbyist in *Bulworth* is from which of the following industries?

a. mass media b. insurance c. oil d. banking e. health care

30.(t/f) Bulworth told the congregation of a church in south central LA that he was not going to do anything for

them because they didn’t contribute to his campaign.

31.(m/c) Which of the following is an example of a “photo op” from the Daily Show?

a. Obama serving a meal to people at a homeless shelter. b. Paul Ryan washing dishes at a homeless shelter

c. Biden in New Jersey after latest hurricane d. Obama trap shooting e. none of above

32.(t/f) In the 2012 political campaign, thirty-two people averaging $9.9 million each contributed more than the total contributed by 3,700,000 people.

33.(m/c)Which of the following industries was the biggest donor to Obama’s 2008 campaign?

a. financial b. oil c. pharmaceutical d. Oprah e. none of above

34.(m/c) Which of the following are limits on the enforcement capabilities of the Department of Agriculture’s regulation of meat processing?

a. does not have the power to order a company to make a recall, even if the contamination is lethal.

b. does not have the power to order the company to issue a warning to the public.

c. does not have the power to impose mandatory penalties or fines.

d. b and c e. all of above

35.(m/c) All of the following are true about campaign financing EXCEPT:

a. the 2012 campaign cycle set a record for funds raised by all politicians.

b. the 2012 presidential campaign set a record for funds raised by presidential campaigns.

c. the largest contributors to political campaigns were labor unions.

d. because of the Citizens United ruling corporations can now spend as much as they want influencing the outcome of the electoral process. e. none are exceptions

36.(m/c) The function of regulatory agencies is undermined by which of the following?

a. “revolving door” b. limits on enforcement c. limits on funding d. a and b e. all of above

37.(m/c) All of the following engage in lobbying EXCEPT:

a. industries like health insurance and oil companies. b. trade groups like American Bankers Association.

c. front groups like Citizens for Better Medicare. d. public interest groups like Union of Concerned Scientists.

e. none are exceptions

38.(m/c) In Fear Factory, the Chinese company that made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ products solved the problem of worker suicides by putting nets around the building.

a. Microsoft b. Apple c. Dell d. Wal-Mart e. Nike

39.(m/c) Which of the following are ways that the merging of politics and television has undermined

our democratic process?

a. Increased campaigning via television advertising. b. Televised contrived debates.

c. Emphasis on appearance rather than substance. d. a and b e. all of the above

40.(m/c) All of the following are examples of wealthfare EXCEPT:

a. Work Opportunity Tax Credit b. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

c. Telecommunications Act of 1996 d. TARP bailout e. none are exceptions

41.(m/c) According to the Corporation, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment established the precedent that corporations are persons under the law.

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

42.(m/c) The above Amendment was passed after what war?

a. American Revolutionary War b. Civil War c. War of 1812 d. WWI e. WWII

43.(m/c) According to the Corporation, all of the following were original constraints on corporations EXCEPT:

a. they were chartered for a single socially necessary activity. b. they were limited to their size

c. they could only operate in the area in which they were chartered.

d. their shareholders were not liable for corporate activity that injured citizens.

e. none are exceptions.

44.(t/f) Corporations are legal persons and guaranteed the rights of persons under the First, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments.

45.(m/c) From the late nineteenth century to the mid-1970s, the American economy was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - based.

a. agricultural b. industrial c. service d. technology

46.(m/c) All of the following are reasons for the deindustrialization of the American economy EXCEPT:

a. automation b. off shoring c. declining corporate profits

d. outsourcing e. none are exceptions

47.(t/f) One consequence of the changing U.S. economy has been large increase in the use of temporary workers.

48.(t/f) San Diego’s economy is a good example of an economy that still produces mainly hi-tech jobs.

49.(t/f) The good thing about service sector jobs is that the majority of jobs (McJobs) today pay more in real

wages than the blue collar manufacturing jobs of the 1950s, like putting bolt number three in kitchen cabinets.

50.(t/f) According to the Mother Jones graphs, the average income for the bottom 90% of American households is under $30,000 dollars.

51.(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

52.(m/c) The private company that employs the most workers is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. McDonalds b. Wal-Mart c. Manpower d. Microsoft e. J.P. Morgan Chase

53.(t/f) Americans lost more than a trillion dollars in their 401Ks during the economic collapse of 2007-2010.

54.(m/c) The official poverty line for a family of four in the U.S. is approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before taxes.

a. $18,000 b. $24,000 c. $28,000 d. $31,000 e. $34,000

55.(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

56.(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. severely poor d. lazy e. culturally deficient

57.(m/c) The conventional wisdom that was challenged in the Newsroom episode was “America is the greatest country in the world.” What realities were mentioned that contradict this?

a. global ranking in life expectancy b. global ranking in infant mortality

c. global rankings in literacy and science d. a and b e. all above

58.(m/c) According to the same episode, America is No. 1 in which of the following?

a. population that is incarcerated b. defense spending c. population that believes in angels

d. a and b e. all of above

59.(m/c) The coverage of the BP oil spill in the episode differed from the coverage by the corporate media at the time in all of the following ways EXCEPT:

a. it examined the context of the disaster and not the sensational elements.

b. it questioned the spokesmen for the corporations involved and demanded that they answer questions.

c. it asked the question why legislation was passed that allowed deep water oil drilling without a contingency plan.

d. it discovered the regulatory agency that was responsible and how it could not possibly inspect the oil wells on a regular basis. e. none are exceptions

60.(t/f) The executive producer argued that it was important to do real news because citizens in a democracy need to be informed.