Exam #1

1.(m/c) Theories are not just ideas, but ideas with consequences for society, groups and even individuals. All of the following are examples of theories that have consequences EXCEPT:

a. free market theory b. theory of biological determinism c. Social Darwinism

d. structural functionalism e. none are exceptions

2.(m/c) Theories have been used to justify all of the following EXCEPT:

a. forced sterilization b. slavery c. genocide d. segregation e. none are exceptions

3.(m/c) All of the following were new ideas that emerged with modernity EXCEPT:

a. individual b. hope c. progress d. utopia e. none are exceptions

4.(t/f) A foundational belief of the modern world was that science could give human beings power over nature and the power to shape human society for the good of all.

5.(t/f) According to Adam Smith, a freely competitive economy will regulate itself by the invisible hand of the market place.

6.(t/f) According to Adam Smith, capitalism is the best economic system because it understands the truth about human nature, human beings are motivated by self-interest.

7.(m/c) According to Smith, the Law of Supply and Demand guarantees which of the following?

a. market place demands will be met by capitalist entrepreneurs (suppliers).

b. competition between suppliers will guarantee that the market place will provide quality products at low prices.

c. all of society will benefit d. a and b e. all of above

8.(t/f) The Fourth Law of the market place, laissez faire, states that the government should only intervene in the market place when it is necessary to bail out corporations that are too big to fail.

9.(m/c) According to Smith, the role of the government in creating an environment for a nation’s economic system involves all of the following EXCEPT:

a. creation of a system of finance b. development of a minimal system of public education

c. creation of a physical infrastructure d. financing and raising a military e. none are exceptions

10. (m/c) The dominant social theory in the United States at the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century was Social Darwinism. It was influenced by all of the following theorists and/or ideas EXCEPT:

a. Darwin’s theory of evolution b. Rousseau’s theory of the social contract

c. Spencer’s “survival of the fittest” d. Adam Smith’s theory of the free market e. none are exceptions

11.(m/c) Social Darwinists argue all of the following EXCEPT:

a. the marketplace is the site of the struggle for survival. b. the struggle for survival is progressive for humanity.

c. the rich have proven themselves to be the fittest and the poor the weakest.

d. helping the “unfit” weakens the species, but is morally necessary. e. none are exceptions.

12.(m/c) Social Darwinism led to eugenics. All of the following are true about eugenics EXCEPT:

a. It is a theory whose proponents argued that the human race could be improved by selecting specific traits.

b. It argued that “feeble minded” humans should be isolated and/or sterilized.

c. The victims of eugenics were the poor, people of color, mentally ill, and criminals (but not corporate criminals).

d. Standardized tests and “empirical observations,” watching tired, hungry and confused immigrants as they arrived in the U.S. were methods used to determine who was “feeble minded.” e. none are exceptions

13.(m/c) All of the following are claims of the theory of biological determinism EXCEPT

a. human beings can be classified into homogenous groups according to shared physical characteristics.

b. the shared physical characteristics of these groups are transmitted from generation to generation.

c. racial groups share other characteristics, such as work ethic, intelligence and morality.

d. some groups are superior to others e. none are exceptions

14.(t/f) Friedman thought that Hurricane Katrina presented a wonderful opportunity because it destroyed the public school system of New Orleans which meant that a new privatized educational system could be established.

15.(m/c) According to Milton Friedman, the market is governed by laws that guarantee that it functions like “celestial clockwork.” Which of the following distort this “heavenly” precision?

a. wage and hour laws b. workplace safety regulations c. patent protections

d. a and b e. all of above

16.(m/c) According to Milton Friedman, which of the following should be policy goals in a capitalist system?

a. complete deregulation so that the market can self-regulate. b. privatization

c. increase in social services like welfare and social security d. a and b e. all of above

17.(m/c) Milton Friedman believed that the free market had or would:

a. lead to political freedom b. lead to religious freedom c. be good for everyone in the long run

d. a and c e. all of above

18. (t/f) Milton Friedman believed that shock in the form of a natural or man-made disaster would be necessary to get people to accept his policy goals because people were used to government help.

19.(m/c) According to Friedman, shock therapy includes all of the following EXCEPT:

a. privatization of publicly owned industries b. elimination of all tariffs and subsidies

c. cutbacks in social services d. elimination of unions e. none are exceptions

20.(m/c) According to structural functionalism, which of the following are true?

a. society is a system composed of interdependent parts or subsystems.

b. institutions have a positive function for maintaining social order .

c. the self-directed individual is the ultimate Good d. a and b e. all of above

21.(m/c) According to structural functionalism, which of the following are true about the family?

a. its primary function is socialization of the young into the norms and values of society.

b. the family structure should be the extended family. c. 1950s gender roles were necessary and positive

d. a and c e. all of above

22.(m/c) All of the following are functions of the educational system EXCEPT:

a. socialize students into norms and values of society b. teach knowledge and skills for the workplace

c. select individuals for their positions in society d. nurture imagination and creativity e. none of above

23.(m/c) According to structural functionalism, all of the following are true about the economy EXCEPT:

a. provides goods and services b. creates society’s division of labor c. necessarily must be capitalist

d. necessarily must reward workers unequally e. none are exceptions

24.(t/f) The function of the criminal justice system, according to structural functionalism, is to resocialize (punishment and rehabilitations) deviant individuals.

25 (m/c) According to structural functionalism, inequality in society is:

a. universal b. necessary c. positive d. b and c e. all of above

26.(m/c) All of the following were beliefs in the 1950s concerning American society as a utopia EXCEPT:

a. America had no class divisions and was a middle class society.

b. there was no conflict between workers and owners, if owners did well workers would do well.

c. the American political system was the best in the world because it was a two party system that eliminated extremism.

d. technology had, or would in the near future, solve all social problems, such as hunger and disease

e. none are exceptions

27.(m/c) President Eisenhower, a Republican, anti-communist, former General of the Army, said that the biggest threat to American democracy was:

a. communism b. Elvis c. military industrial complex d. Soviet Union

28.(m/c) Which of the following are types of shocks that can be taken advantage of to impose Friedman’s economic policies?

a. war b. military coups c. natural disasters d. economic crises e. all of above

29.(t/f) According to Klein, the first type of shock in Chile was economic, created mainly by the U.S., this shock created the conditions for the second shock, the military overthrow of Allende’s government.

30.(t/f) According to Klein, as Friedman’s free market theory predicted, the imposition of the free market in the Southern Cone of Latin America led to political freedom and democracy.

31.(m/c) According to Klein, all of the following are true about the education system in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina EXCEPT:

a. the public education system was replaced by government subsidized privately run charter schools.

b. a viable public education option was quickly put into place for the remaining poor citizens.

c. the teachers union contract was abrogated and 4700 teachers were fired.

d. the American Enterprise Institute, a free market think tank, said, “ Katrina accomplished in a day . . . what Louisiana school reformers couldn’t do after years of trying.” e. none are exceptions

32.(t/f) According to Klein, Ewen Cameron’s idea of creating a psychological blank slate in his patients, although unorthodox, successfully cured many of the patients to whom it was applied.

33.(m/c) According to Klein, the Bush administration used the “shock” of the September 11 attacks to do which of the following?

a. Wage privatized wars abroad. b. Create a corporate surveillance state at home.

c. Further Friedman’s economic policies domestically. d. a and c e. all of above

34.(m/c) According to Klein, all of the following are the goals of neoliberalism EXCEPT:

a. privatization b. deregulation c. a global system of tariffs

d. cutbacks in social services e. none are exceptions

35.(m/c) According to Klein, all of the following are true about Ewen Cameron’s “shock shop” EXCEPT:

a. he used isolation, electroshock, prolonged induced sleep, psychedelics, and angel dust in his human experimentations.

b. his experiments were funded by the CIA (U.S. Central Intelligence Agency) who had full knowledge of what he was doing.

c. his patients were reduced to preverbal infantile states.

d. his human experiments have been central to developing current U.S. torture techniques.

e. none are exceptions

36.(m/c) According to Klein, Friedman chose Chile for all of the following reasons EXCEPT:

a. the people were susceptible to his “therapy” after a series of shocks.

b. he had established ties with economists in the country through a scholarship program.

c. the new military dictatorship was sympathetic to Friedman’s free market theory.

d. he believed that there would be no violence directed at the citizenry who resisted his shock therapy.

e. none are exceptions

37.(m/c) Which of the following were methods used to control dissent in Latin American countries where Friedman’s free market shock doctrine was applied ?

a. “disappearing” b. mass murder c. torture d. a and c e. all of above

38.(m/c) The ideas that developed in the Southern Cone which were the opposite of Chicago School economics were called? a. communism b. modernism c. nationalism

39.(t/f) During these economic experiments/shock therapy, human rights violations were directed at specific populations, like workers, who resisted free market policies that caused high rates of unemployment and inflation.

40.(t/f) Governments engaged in economic experiment/shock therapy used violence to create or deepen shock so people would more likely accept changes that under normal circumstances they would not.

41.(m/c) According to Klein, the massive violence, estimated at as many as a million murdered, in the overthrow of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government became the approved model for “shocking” the people of Latin American countries.

a. Brazilian b. Indonesian c. Chinese d. Iraqi

42.(m/c) Which of the following conclusions can be drawn from Klein’s argument?

a. free market capitalism could not have spread in Latin America without U.S. political, economic and military support.

b. historical evidence supports the conclusion that people in countries throughout the world have willingly embraced free market principles.

c. the main way the free market capitalism was subsidized in the Southern Cone was through violence.

d. b and c e. all of above

43.(t/f) According to Inequality for All, a strong middle class is the necessary foundation for a stable

consumer-based economy.

44.(t/f) According to Inequality for All, one of the main reasons for the decline in wages of American workers is their lack of productivity compared to workers in other countries.

45.(m/c) According to Inequality for All, 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

46.(m/c) According to Inequality for All, the end of the Great Prosperity happened during he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. 1960s b. 1970s c. 1980s d. 1990s e. 2000s

47.(m/c)According to Inequality for All, an almost fifty per cent decline in the tax rates for the rich began under

which president?

a. Eisenhower b. Ford c. Reagan d. Bush I e. Clinton

48.(m/c) The Great Prosperity, according to Inequality for All, included all of the following EXCEPT:

a. low inequality b. increased educational opportunity, especially affordable higher education

c. decrease in union membership d. highly educated work force e. none are exceptions

49.(m/c) According to Inequality for All, the Great Prosperity involved a Virtuous Cycle. All of the following were

parts of the Virtuous Cycle EXCEPT:

a. increase in wages for workers. b. increased unemployment c. increased consumer demand

d. increased tax revenue e. increased government spending on education and infrastructure

50.(m/c) According to Inequality for All, the end of the Great Prosperity led to a Vicious Cycle. All of the following are

parts of the Vicious Cycle EXCEPT:

a. wages stagnant for workers b. decrease in consumer demand c. companies downsized

d. higher welfare payments to those hurt the most. e. none are exceptions

51.(m/c) According to Inequality for All, high concentration of wealth undermines democracy by giving disproportionate

power to the rich. All of the following are examples of how the rich have benefited EXCEPT:

a. bailouts b. subsidies c. decreased tax rates for the rich d. trade agreements e. none are exceptions

52..(m/c) According to Mills, all of the following are consequences for the individual in a system controlled by

this power elite EXCEPT:

a. alienation b. apathy c. moral insensibility

d. lack of critical thinking e. none are exceptions

53.(m/c) Mills argues that power in the U.S. is maintained primarily through:

a. force b. authority c. manipulation d. coercion e. subversion

54.(m/c) According to Mills, U.S. society is ruled by a power elite composed of select individuals from all of the following areas or orders EXCEPT:

a. politics b. economy c. religion d. military e. none are exceptions

55.(m/c) According to Mills, which was the dominate order in the power elite of the 1950s?

a. political order b. economic order c. military order d. religion

56.(m/c) From the point of view of the theory of the power elite, which order dominates U.S. society currently?

a. political order b. economic order c. military order d. religion

57.(t/f) Mills argues that the power elite govern by holding the command positions in society.

58.(m/c) According to Mills, war is good for the power elite for all of the following reasons EXCEPT:

a. creates wealth for weapons contractors. b. creates environment for manipulation of the public.

c. creates a distraction from vital domestic issues. d. eliminates dissent. e. none are exceptions

59.(t/f) The power elite make what Mills calls the “trunk decisions”; these are the decisions that determine major domestic and foreign policy for the U.S.

60.(m/c) According to Mills’ theory of the power elite, the mass media has all of the following functions EXCEPT:

a. inform the public about what they need to know to make informed decisions.

b. manipulate the public in order to manufacture consent.

c. distract the public d. scare the public e. none are exceptions