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.(m/c) All of the following are means that the U.S. has used to overthrow democratically elected governments EXCEPT:

a. economic destabilization-embargoes, boycotts

b. political intervention- funding and supporting anti-democracy elites

c. propaganda-spreading lies to the population d. violence-military intervention e. none are exceptions

5.(m/c) The U.S. has overthrown which of the following democratically elected governments?

a. Sweden b. Guatemala c. Chile d. b and c e. all of above

6.(m/c) In corporatism, the dominant corporations have the power to do all of the following EXCEPT:

a. control the economic system b. control the political system c. control ideological institutions

d. create a surveillance infrastructure to watch us all e. none are exceptions

7.(t/f) According to your professor, the two main goals of the corporate power structure are to create a social environment to maximize profit taking and manufacture the consent of the population.

8.(m/c) All of the following are examples of the success of the corporate system EXCEPT:

a. record corporate profits b. elimination of an upper class in America c. elimination of labor as resistance

c. elimination of thought and knowledge as a basis of resistance e. none are exceptions

9.(t/f) According to your professor, a fundamental goal and success of the corporate power structure is the elimination of social values, compassion for others, as a foundation for resistance.

10.(m/c) All of the following are components of the U.S. economic structure EXCEPT:

a. dominated by small businesses b. every area of economic activity is a shared monopoly

c. upper class controls corporations through occupying positions on boards of directors.

d. producer networks e. none are exceptions

11. (t/f) One of the truths of American Exceptionalism is rugged individualism-the early colonists created a "new world" out of nothing, without any help from the government, just their own hard work and effort.

12.(m/c) Labor’s capacity to resist corporate power has been eliminated for all of the following EXCEPT:

a. automation b. lazy workers c. deindustrialization d. Red Scares e. none are exceptions.

13.(m/c) The function(s) of the political system within the system of power is (are) 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

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Match the power network to its primary function.

14. candidate selection process a. influence legislation

15. special interest process b. determine the outcomes of elections

16. policy planning process c. manufactures consent of the people

17. opinion shaping process d. develops public policy through exclusive organizations

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18.(m/c) All of the following are examples of "wealthfare" EXCEPT'

a. legislation redefining the income of hedge fund managers as carried interest and taxing it less.

b. direct subsidies to the agricultural industry c. legislation would raise corporate tax rates

d. bailouts e. none are exceptions

19.(t/f) According to your professor, the goal of the system of power in relation to the people is social control, to create a population that reproduces the system of oppression in their lives and calls it freedom.

20.(m/c) All of the following are examples of the ways in which the economic system has succeeded in controlling the population EXCEPT:

a. extract labor at cheapest cost b. put workers into a lifetime of debt c. eliminate collective power of workers

d. consumerism e. none are exceptions

21.(t/f) One of the techniques that the system of power has used to control the population is "divide and conquer," create scapegoats to blame, so that the people fight each other, rather than the powerful.

22.(m/c) Which of the following are ways the political system is used to control the population?

a. create a plutocracy, rule by the rich, and sell it as a democracy

b. create a passive citizenry that believes the election process matters.

c. manufacture consent d. b and c e. all of above

23.(t/f) The mass media is owned and controlled by a shared monopoly of large media conglomerates whose customers are advertisers, large multinational corporations. The legal obligation of each is to maximize profit.

24.(m/c) All of the following are goals of the mass media within the system of power 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 spend the majority of their time in a virtual world.

e. none are exceptions

25.(m/c) Which of the following are characteristics of corporate news?

a. investigative journalism b. dependent on "experts" c. VNR produced "news" d. b and c e. all of above

26.(m/c) According to Neo-Marxism, all of the following are characteristics of the consumer psychology EXCEPT:

a. discontent b. anxiety c. inability to distinguish between reality (needs) and illusion (desires)

d. identity tied to its possession of positional goods. e. none are exceptions

27.(m/c) Advertising, marketing and public relations were influenced by which thinkers theory of the unconscious?

a. Jung b. Le Bon c. Freud d. Bernays

28.(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

29.(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 the entrepreneurial spirit d. develop critical thinking skills e. none are exceptions

30.(m/c) All of the following are functions of the police and the criminal justice system within the system of power EXCEPT:

a. punish the crimes of the poor b. protect and serve the people c. protect the property of the rich

d. forcibly control dissent e. none are exceptions

31.(t/f) The military's main function within the system of power is to protect and further the global interests of the dominant corporations.

32.(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

33.(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. collective bargaining

d. forty hour work week e. none are exceptions

34.(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 education

d. a and b e. all of above

35.(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,” called austerity.

36.(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 workers.

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

37.(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

38.(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.

39.(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

40.(t/f) According to Aftershock, one of the solutions to the problem of the undermining of our democracy would be stricter voting id laws to avoid voter fraud.

41.(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.

42.(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

43.(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 regulating corporations c. prevented campaign finance reform

d. a and b e. all of above

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

a. First b. Fourth c. Fifth d. Sixth e. none are exceptions

45.(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

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

a. Federal government b. the States

47.(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

48.(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

49.(m/c) According to Gangs, which of the following have been means used by corporations to regain power lost in the 1960s and 1970?

a. ALEC b. corporate front groups c. Business Roundtable. d. b and c e. all of above

50.(m/c) Which of the following are Supreme Court rulings between 1970s and 80s that gave corporations the right of 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