Exam #1

1.(t/f) Early social theorists were influenced by natural scientists, their discoveries and their theories about the natural world.. An example of this influence was Auguste Comte first naming sociology “social physics” and calling his theory the Law of Three Stages.

2.(m/c) All of the following are characteristics of social evolutionism EXCEPT:

a. all societies evolve through stages. b. each society is unique in its development

c. society’s evolution leads to utopia d. Western society is the most advanced society

e. none are exceptions

3.(t/f) The dominant institution in Feudal society was the Catholic church.

4.(m/c) All of the following were social forces at work during the Great Transformation EXCEPT:

a. Protestant Reformation b. natural science c. political revolutions

d. World War II e. none are exceptions

5.(t/f) Social theorists believed that knowledge gained through empirical study would allow them to develop theories that would give them the power to shape society into a utopia.

6.(m/c) Which of the following were characteristics of the world view of the modern world?

a. new “religions” were science and capitalism b. new political arrangements, liberal democracies

c. new economic arrangements, capitalism d. a and b e. all of above

7.(t/f) According to Marx, the origin of society is human beings working together to satisfy their common needs for food and shelter.

8.(m/c) All of the following are true according to Marx EXCEPT

a. the dominant ideas in society are the ideas of the working class.

b. society is progressing through stages driven by class conflict.

c. workers are alienated and exploited under the capitalist system.

d. capitalism will self-destruct because of the declining rate of profit. e. none are exceptions

9.(m/c) According to Weber, all of the following are true EXCEPT:

a. Western society is undergoing a process he calls rationalization.

b. all aspects of Western society are being shaped by instrumental rationality

c. all institutions in Western society are becoming bureaucratized.

d. Western society will become a utopia e. none are exceptions

10.(m/c) Durkheim argues all of the following EXCEPT:

a. society is external, outside of individuals. b. society is coercive, constrains behavior.

c. social facts are things that can be studied scientifically d. society is a collection of individuals

e. none are exceptions

11.(m/c) According to Durkheim, the way in which modern society could maintain social order would be through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. a. mechanical solidarity b. organic solidarity

12.(t/f) According to Parsons, society is a system that functions as a harmonious whole and is composed of numerous interrelated subsystems.

13.(t/f) The main focus of structural functionalism is the explanation of social change.

14.(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, in fact there was a social contract between them.

c. the American political system was the best in the world because it was a two party system that eliminated extremism. d. there could be suburbs on the moon. e. none are exceptions

15.(m/c) All of the following were beliefs about technology and progress in the 1950s EXCEPT:

a. nuclear power would produce so much energy that it would be available to all at no cost.

b. hunger would be eliminated through the application of pesticides and other chemicals to agricultural production.

c. disease would be eliminated through antibiotics.

d. flying cars, and automated houses would create a Jetson-like world. e. none are exceptions

16.(m/c) All of the following became part of the landscape of American society in the 1950s EXCEPT:

a. suburbs b. freeways c. fast foods d. shopping malls e. none are exceptions

17.(m/c) According to structural functionalism, the most important functional component of the AGIL is:

a. adaptation b. goal orientation c. integration d. latency

18.(m/c) The structural system that performs the most important function is the :

a. personality system b. social system c. cultural system

19.(m/c) According to the Davis-Moore theory of stratification, inequality in society is:

a. universal b. necessary c. positive for social order

d. b and c e. all of above

20.(t/f) According to structural functionalism, all components of a system have a positive function.

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Match the following functional imperative to its corresponding structural component in Parson’s Action System

AGIL Structural Component

21. Adaptation a. Personality System

22. Goal Attainment b. Behavioral Organism

23. Integration c. Cultural System

24. Latency d. Social System

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25.(t/f) According to structural functionalism, the function of education is twofold: socialization and teaching knowledge and skills.

26.(m/c) Which of the following contradicted the 1950s conventional wisdom that American society was a utopia?

a. The existence of significant levels of poverty in the 1950s.

b. Increasing corporate power in the U.S after WWII c. The rise of the military-industrial complex.

d. b and c e. all of above

27.(m/c) All of the following revealed the conflicts and contradictions underlying 1950sAmerica. EXCEPT:

a. the films *The Man in the Grey Flannel Suit* and *Rebel without a Cause.*

b. the plays “Death of a Salesman” and “The Crucible.” c. The counter culture called the Beat Generation

d. The TV show *Leave it to Beaver* e. none are exceptions

28.(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

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

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

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

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

31.(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

32.(m/c) According to Klein, which of the following dominates currently?

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

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

34.(m/c) According to Mills, the Cold 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

35.(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.

36.(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

37.(t/f) A citizenry that is ignorant if the human costs of the wars that it is waging is an example of moral insensibility .

38.(t/f) Classical economists like Adam Smith believed that economics was a science just like physics and that the market was a natural phenomenon governed by laws of cause and effect.

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

40.(t/f) According to Adam Smith, capitalism is the best economic system because:

it understands the truth about human nature.

41.(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.

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

c. all social needs will be met d. a and b e. all of above

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

43.(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. legal system to guarantee contracts

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

44.(t/f) According to Milton Friedman, the market is like an ecosystem, and like an ecosystem, it will self-regulate.

45.(t/f) According to Milton Friedman, labor regulations, wages and hours, should be eliminated because they distort the market.

46.(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.

47.(t/f) Milton Friedman believed that government regulations, such as workplace safety regulations, because they distort the market.

48.(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. downsizing government d. elimination of unions e. none are exceptions

49.(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.

50.(m/c) According to Klein., all of the following countries have been victims of shock therapy EXCEPT:

a. Argentina b. Chile c. Sri Lanka d. Indonesia e. none are exceptions

51.(m/c) According to Friedman, all of the following should be privatized EXCEPT:

a. military b. post office c. social security d. national parks e. none are exceptions

52.(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

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

54.(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 security state at home

c. further Friedman’s economic policies in the U.S. d. a and c e. all of above

55.(m/c)According to Klein, after 9/11, privatization of the most sensitive core functions of government was undertaken. All of the following are examples EXCEPT:

a. privatization of the military. b. privatization of intelligence c. privatization of homeland security

d. privatization of health care for soldiers e. none are exceptions

56.(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

57.(m/c) According to Klein, Friedman needed a laboratory to experiment with his free market theories. The country he chose first was:

a. Argentina b. Chile c. Indonesia d. Brazil e. Colombia

58.(t/f) According to Klein, in order to avoid an economic catastrophe because of Friedman’s economic reforms, the military dictatorship of the above country had to do what the socialist government had done, nationalize industries and maintain government control of the largest industry.

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

a. the people were in shock after a U.S. sponsored military coup that overthrew their democratically elected government.

b. he had established ties with economists in the country through a scholarship program to the University of Chicago.

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

60.(m/c) Which of the following were methods for controlling dissent in Latin American countries where Friedman’s free market shock doctrine was applied :

a. “Disappearing” b. targeted assassinations c. torture d. a and c e. all of above

61.(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. developmentalism d. progressivism e. none

62.(m/c) Which of the following does Klein argue?

a. during these economic experiments, human rights violations were directed at specific populations, those, like workers, who resisted free market policies that caused high rates of unemployment and inflation.

b. governments used violence to create or deepen shock so people would more likely accept changes that under normal circumstances they would not.

c. free market capitalism always needs to be subsidized, thus undermining one of its fundamental ideological principles, laissez faire.

d. b and c e. all of above

63.(m/c) The car associated with the violence and disappearances in one country was:

a. Ford Falcon b. black BMW c. Chevy minivan d. Hummer

64.(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 putting the populations of countries in shock so that Friedman’s economic “therapy” could be applied.

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

65.(t/f) According to Klein, in the Southern Cone, people acting collectively, no matter how peacefully, were considered enemies of the state, because to act collectively meant that they had been “infected with Marxism.”

66.(t/f) According to Klein, human rights groups proved unable to identify the real extent of the problem in the Southern Cone because they failed to connect human rights violations with economic shock therapy.

67.(t/f) According to Klein, capitalism in the Southern Cone spread by force, not because it was embraced by the populations of those countries.

68.(t/f) U.S. corporation, Ford, Monsanto, and Philip Morris supported the violence in Argentina and benefited from it.

69.(m/c) According to Klein, state terror, violence directed by a government at its own people, has which of the following purposes?

a. elimination of those most likely to fight back

b. send a warning to others who might be thinking of resisting

c. necessary in any society to maintain order d. a and b e. all of above

70.(t/f) Klein argues that the ultimate goal of “shock therapy” in the Southern cone was not just to beat the opposition but to destroy an opposing system and the belief in it.