Exam #2 Sociology 403

1.(m/c) Domhoff’s theory is called\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ theory.

a. pluralist b. state autonomy c. class domination d. power elite

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Match the following power network to its means of operation.

2. candidate selection process a. operates through large campaign donations

3. special interest process b. operates through lobbying

4. policy planning process c. operates through public relations firms, media and education

5. opinion shaping process d. operates through donations from foundations to think tanks

6.(t/f) According to Domhoff’s theory, an upper class which is an economic class, a political class, and a social class rules America.

7.(t/f) According to Domhoff, the upper class rules primarily by controlling the mass media.

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Match the power network to its primary function.

8. candidate selection process a. influences legislation

9. special interest process b. controls elections

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

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

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12.(t/f) Domhoff argues that power indicators (who governs? who wins? who benefits?) provide empirical support for his argument that an upper class rules America.

13.(m/c) All of the following are examples of the social network of the upper class EXCEPT:

a. exclusive pre-schools b. private prep schools c. elite universities

d. Bohemian Grove e. none are exceptions.

14.(t/f) According to Domhoff, the political system for most of American history has been controlled by the upper class .

15.(t/f) According to Domhoff, those who are not born into the upper class can be assimilated into the upper class by being given access to the social networks of the upper class and the economic opportunities of the upper class.

16. (m/c) Which of the following are ways that the upper class controls labor?

a. deskilling b. outsourcing c. automation d. a and c e. all of above

17.(t/f) According to one study, 80% of the money contributed to candidates in a political campaign was from the upper class.

18.(m/c) According to your professor , which of the following are examples of “who wins” ?

a. lower tax rates for the rich.

b. bailout of the financial industry. c. Obama’s healthcare reform d. a and b e. all of above

19.(m/c) The capacity of a group or class to realize its goals despite opposition is called:

a. distributive power b. collective power

20.(m/c) Domhoff argues that the power of the upper class is institutionalized. He calls this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. domination b. autonomy

21.(t/f) Examples of the upper class governing are Obama’s appointments of the upper class to the most important economic positions in his Administration.

22.(t/f) According to Domhoff, the upper class, through it social interactions and institutional affiliations, develops a class consciousness-what is good for corporations and the self interest of members of the upper class is good for America.

23.(m/c) According to Domhoff, All of the following are examples of organizational networks EXCEPT:

a. religious b. military c. economy d. political e. mass media

24.(m/c) According to Domhoff, all of the following are ways in which the power of the upper class is institutionalized in the economic system EXCEPT:

a. concentration of ownership b. shared monopolies c. boards of directors

d. shared ownership.

25.(m/c) The relationship Walmart has with its suppliers is an example of a(n):

a. producer network b. strategic alliance

26.(t/f) The power of the upper class over the economic system gives it power over communities as they “race to the bottom” trying to get corporations to come.

27.(m/c) According to Domhoff, the upper class believes it needs to control the political system because:

a. by doing so it avoids the possibility of the government intervening on behalf of the people.

b. by doing so it hopes to avoid the possibility of the people raising up and challenging its power.

c. by doing so it can control foreign policy and make sure that the government’s pursues international policy in its interests. d . a and b c. all of above

28.(m/c) Citizens for Better Medicare is an example of a(n):

a. trade group b. industry group c. front group d. grass roots group

29.(m/c) Which of the following are true about think tanks?

a. They are independent knowledge producing institutions.

b. They are funded by foundations and corporations with agendas and interests.

c. They have experts who are invited to be on television and testify d. b and c e. all of above

30.(t/f) Class domination theory argues that ultimately “the people’ need to be lied to or persuaded and that is the main function of public relations firms.

31.(m/c) The theorist Walter Lippmann believed all of the following EXCEPT:

a. the average individual does not have the cognitive skills to deal with the complexities of modern mass society.

b. American needs to be governed by scientific elite who has the capacity to deal with the complexities of modern mass society.

c. a group of experts should have the task of manufacturing the consent of the American public after policy decisions have been made by the elite.

d. the mass media is not a significant factor in the manufacture of consent. e. none are exceptions

32.(t/f) Of the two dystopian worlds portrayed in 1984 and Brave New World, professor Semm believes 1984 captures more accurately the system of power in present day U.S. society.

33.(m/c) Power as the assimilation of resistance is characterized by which of the following?

a. the capacity to create a world of illusion. b. the capacity to create people that willingly inhabit it.

c. people that call the system of their oppression “freedom.” d. a and b e. all of above

34. (m/c) According to Marxist social theory, understanding society and its historical trajectory depends upon understanding the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. economic base b. political system c. legal system

d. ideological institutions, mass media and education e. superstructure

35.(m/c) According to Neo-Marxism, in order to fully understand power, one must understand which element of the superstructure?

a. family b. culture c. law d. political system e. educaton

36.(m/c) Plato’s “Allegory of the Cave” means all of the following EXCEPT:

a. society controls the individual

b. individuals develop a psychology oriented to the false reality of the cave.

c. individuals organize their lives in relation to the false reality of the cave.

d. individuals are really free because they freely choose to live in the cave. e. none are exceptions

37.(m/c) Upon which of the following was the promise of the Enlightenment based?

a. reason b. science c. progress d. a and b e. all of above

38.(t/f) According to Neo-Marxism, all of the following historical events undermined the promise of the Enlightenment EXCEPT:

a. fascism b. holocaust c. nuclear weapons d. colonialism e. none are exceptions

39.(m/c) According to Neo-Marxist social theory, the world of illusion created by the culture industry

40.(t/f) According to your professor, advertising is not just about selling things to be people, it is also about creating an upper middle class consumer utopia.

41.(m/c) Which of the following are characteristics of the “pseudo-reality” created by those that control the power of the image?

a. world is cornucopia of “stuff” b. it is best of all possible worlds

c. it is the world where personal dreams can be fulfilled d. a and c e. all of above

42.(t/f) Television is the dream machine because advertisers said that they could sell anything through television commercials, and they sold everything including a “world-the American Dream.

43.(m/c)All of the following are examples of images saturating cultural space EXCEPT:

a. buses b. billboards c. people d. moon e none are exceptions

44.(t/f) Jean Baudrillard, a French postmodern philosophy, argues that our primary experience is with technology and its images, not reality. He calls this hyperreality.

45.(t/f) In the pseudo-reality, the world of illusion, books don’t need to be burned to protect the system because the inhabitants don’t read them.

46.(m/c) Margaret Thatcher became friends with Augusto Pinochet when he was under house arrest in Great Britain. Pinochet had been charged with crimes he had committed when he was involved in shock therapy in which of the following countries?

a. Chile b. Argentina c. Brazil d. Indonesia e. none of above

47.(m/c) Milton Friedman claimed which President of the U.S. was the “most socialist.”

a. Jimmy Carter b. Richard Nixon c. George H.W. Bush

d. Bill Clinton e. Franklin Roosevelt

48.(m/c) The above president (#47) did all of the following EXCEPT:

a. put price caps on oil. b. put price caps on rent.

c. established a wage and price control program. d. established regulations on pollution

e. none are exceptions

49.(m/c) Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher initially tried to privatize which of the following ?

a. national health care system b. public housing c. British military

d. public schools e. none of above

50.(m/c) Thatcher used the Falklands War to fight and win a battle against what she called the “enemy at home,” a large and powerful union. It was a union of :

a. coal miners b. air traffic controllers c. postal workers d. national health care workers

e. teachers

51.(m/c) According to Klein, Margaret Thatcher took advantage of the shock created by a war with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the Falkland Islands to impose shock therapy in Great Britain.

a. Chile b. Argentina c. Falkland d. Paraguay e. Spain

52.(t/f) Because of the devastation to agriculture production of shock therapy Bolivia, the farmers turned to growing coca and cocaine became a much larger export crop.

53.(t/f)According to Klein, World Bank economists admitted that structural adjustment plans do not solve economic crises and that they are just a marketing strategy used to justify the implementation of Chicago School neo-liberal policies.

54. (m/c) The beginning of the documentary Inside Job looked at which of the following countries?

a. Ecuador b. Iceland c. Greenland d. Great Britain e. Norway

55.(m/c) According to Inside Job, the above country ***(question 54)*** did all of the following EXCEPT:

a. privatized its banks b. deregulated the economy c. made highly speculative loans

d. opened natural resources to foreign corporations e. none are exceptions

56.(m/c) According to Inside Job, deregulation in the U.S began with whose administration?

a. Richard Nixon b. Jimmy Carter c. Ronald Reagan

d. George W. Bush e. George H.W. Bush

57.(m/c) According to Inside Job, the deregulation that created the conditions for the economic crisis of 2007 happened during the presidency of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. George H.W. Bush b. George W. Bush c. Bill Clinton d. Barrack Obama

58.(t/f) The Commodities Futures Modernization Act and the Gramm-Leech-Bliley Act were two legislations that deregulated the financial industry and created the conditions for the economic crisis of 2007.

59.(m/c) Which two corporations merged illegally but got a waiver until the law was changed?

a. Wells Fargo/Hartford b. Bank of America/Farmers Insurance

c. Citibank/Travelers d. J.P. Morgan/Chase e. Time/Warner

60.(m/c) Which of the following corporations made the crisis worse by selling insurance on CDO transactions? a. AIG b. Farmers Insurance c. Goldman Sachs d. Wikipedia

61. (m/c) All of the following are consequences of the financial crisis of 2008 EXCEPT:

a. it was global b. millions lost their homes c. million lost their jobs

d. millions lost their retirement e. none are exceptions

62.(t/f) The Obama administration did its best to fix the crisis by appointing people to key positions who had expertise and who were obviously not involved in creating the problem.

63.(m/c) Academics contributed in all of the following ways to the economic crisis EXCEPT:

a. worked in the government in policy making capacity.

b. published research papers supporting the deregulation policies.

c. received large sums of money to advocate for and defend the deregulation policies.

d. admitted their mistakes, resigned their academic positions because they also admitted to conflicts of interest, and committed seppuku. e. none are exceptions

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Match the following term to its definition or example.

64. Glass-Steagall 65. Investment bank 66. Collective power 67. Interlocking boards of directors

a. Goldman Sachs

b. the capacity of the people in a democracy to shape the world in which they live.

c. legislation that separated investment banks from commercial banks.

d. members of the upper class who control the operations of corporations.

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68.(m/c) According to Neo-Marxist social theory, consumer psychology involves which of the following?

a. the creation of people who are never content with what they have. b. the creation of anxious people.

c. the creation of “needs.” d. a and b e. all of above

69.(t/f) The main result of shock therapy in Bolivia was the same as in all other countries; a small elite grew wealthier and the rest of the population suffered.

70..(m/c) Forcing a newly democratic government to take on the debt of a dictatorship that the U.S. had previously supported is called:

a. price shock b. debt bomb c. debt shock d. debt c