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. large campaign donations

3. special interest process b. lobbying

4. policy planning process c. public relations firms, media and schools

5. opinion shaping process d. foundations, Business Roundtable, think tanks

6.(t/f) According to Domhoff’s theory, an upper class that 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) Inside Job is an example of how Domhoff’s power indicators, who governs? who wins? who benefits?, support 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 preschools 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 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, over 80% of the money contributed to candidates in a political campaign was from the upper class.

18.(m/c) Which of the following are examples of “who wins” ?

a. lower tax rates for the rich. b. the 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 person, group or class to realize their 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) Obama’s appointments of members of the upper class to the most important economic positions in his Administration is an example of the upper class governing in the U.S.

22.(t/f) According to Domhoff, the upper class, through its 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. mass media d. political e. economy

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 e. none are exceptions

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 that are forced to “race to the bottom.”.

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 rising up and challenging its power.

c. by doing so it can control foreign policy and make sure that the government’s pursues international policies in line with its own interests. d . a and b e. 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 before Congress as independent experts. 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 for them to support policies that are not in their interest. This is called manufacturing consent.

31.(t/f) Of the two dystopian worlds portrayed in *1984* and *Brave New World*, your professor believes *1984* captures more accurately the system of power in U.S. society today.

32.(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 the world of illusion. c. people that call the system of their oppression “freedom.”

d. a and b e. all of above

33.(m/c) According to Neo-Marxism, which element of the superstructure is most important for understanding the system of domination in society?

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

34.(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 choose not to leave the cave. e. none are exceptions

35.(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

36.(t/f) According to Neo-Marxist social theory, the world of illusion is created by politicians.

37.(t/f) Advertising is not just about selling things to be people; it is also about creating a pseudo reality- an upper middle class consumer utopia.

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

a. world is cornucopia of commodities b. there is no class or racial conflict

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

39.(t/f) Television is referred to by advertisers as the dream machine because it gave them the power to use images in commercials and with that power they could sell anything.

40.(m/c)All of the following are examples of the saturation of cultural space by advertising EXCEPT:

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

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

42.(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

43.(m/c) Which U.S. president did Milton Friedman claim was “most socialist.”

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

d. Bill Clinton e. Franklin Roosevelt

44.(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

45.(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

46.(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

47.(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.

48. (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

49.(m/c) According to Inside Job, the above country 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

50.(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

51.(m/c) According to Inside Job, the deregulation of derivatives that created the conditions for the economic crisis of 2008 happened during the presidency of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

52.(t/f) The Commodities Futures Modernization Act and the Gramm-Leech-Bliley Act created the conditions for the global economic crisis.

53.(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

54.(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

55. (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. millions lost their jobs

d. millions lost their retirement e. none are exceptions

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

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

a. they worked in the government in the role of creating policies for deregulation.

b. they published research papers supporting the deregulation policies.

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

d. they admitted their guilt, resigned their academic positions because they had dishonored their profession and the institution they worked for, and then they committed seppuku (ritual suicide, because that was all an honorable person could do after destroying the lives so many people). e. none are exceptions

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Match the following term to its definition or example.

58. Glass-Steagall 59. Collective power 60. Interlocking boards of directors

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

b. legislation that separated commercial banks from investment banks and insurance companies.

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

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