Exam #3

1.(m/c) All of the following characterize the American Empire EXCEPT:

a. world’s largest air force b. an empire of bases, over 700 bases in other countries

c. unchallenged naval power d. space dominance e. none are exceptions

2.(m/c) All of the following are goals of the American Empire EXCEPT:

a. world domination b. eliminate threats to dominance c. spread true democracy

d. serve economic and political interests of the powerful in the U.S. e. none are exceptions

3.(m/c) According to Chalmers Johnson, militarism includes all of the following EXCEPT:

a. military is dominant institution in society.

b. military and militarists control the political system by assuming civilian leadership roles.

c. problems and solutions are defined by the military.

d. no constraints on the use of military power e. none are exceptions

4.(m/c) All of the following are components of the ideology American Exceptionalism EXCEPT:

a. opportunity for all because there is no entrenched class or caste system in the U.S.

b. infinite possibilities because of abundant natural resources.

c. U.S. is a good country that acts for moral reasons, not out of self-interest.

d. Americans are a unique and special people e. none are exceptions

5.(t/f) The claim of Manifest Destiny was that the white race has been ordained by God to conquer the North American continent.

6.(t/f) According to Chalmers Johnson, the racial component to the British Empire is expressed in the poem entitled the “White Man’s Burden.”

7.(m/c) According to Chalmers Johnson, all of the following were “sorrows of the Roman Empire” EXCEPT:

a. military dictatorship with Caesar as imperial sovereign. b. Roman Senate reduced to impotence.

c. end of the Roman Republic d. empire was overwhelmed by enemies that it had created.

e. none are exceptions

8.(t/f) Historically, according to Johnson, the beginning of the American Empire was the Monroe Doctrine of 1823.

9.(m/c) According to Johnson, all of the following are ways that narrow economic interests benefit from militarism EXCEPT:

a. weapons contractors benefit from war because they receive weapons’ contracts.

b. private military contractors benefit because they receive contracts to perform functions previously performed by the military in times of conflict.

c. insurance companies and sun block companies benefit by providing goods and services for the military.

d. corporate media benefits because viewership goes up during a war. e. none are exceptions

10.(m/c) According to the readings and lectures, all of the following were historical roots of American militarism EXCEPT:

a. the U.S. conquest of the Philippines in the Spanish-American War.

b. the U.S. liberation of Hawaii c. the creation of a General Staff based on the Prussian model

d. U.S. military intervention in the Caribbean. e. none are exceptions

11.(t/f) According to Chalmers Johnson, at least one example of a U.S. military intervention leading to democracy was the Platt Amendment in the Cuban constitution which guaranteed independence and self-determination for Cuba.

12.(t/f) William McKinley justified the U.S. invasion of the Philippines because he said that God told him it was what he should do.

13.(t/f) One of the roots of militarism, according to Chalmers Johnson, was General Douglas Macarthur’s direct disobedience of President Truman’s orders during the Korean war.

14.(m/c) All of the following were roots of militarism that developed during the Cold War EXCEPT:

a. permanent war economy b. more money to military than other institutions

c. military leaders assuming civilian leadership positions

d. military preparedness as the countries highest priority. e. none are exceptions

15.(m/c) All of the following were weapons, weapons systems or consequences of the Cold War arms race EXCEPT:

a. hydrogen bomb b. ICBMs c. anti-ballistic missile systems d. MAD e. none are exceptions

16.(t/f) The Atlantic Charter made two major claims. First, the allies would not take advantage of the war to further their own interests. And, second, the promise to countries that if they fought on the side of the allies, they would be guaranteed independence and self-determination.

17.(t/f) According to the U.N. Charter, the only legal justification for going to war is self-defense but threatening another country with the use of force is a legal form of political negotiation.

18.(t/f) The Nuremberg Tribunals and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide created global norms and the legal bases for the International Criminal Court.

19.(m/c) The Grand Strategy was the post-colonial step in the emergence of the American Empire. Which of the following are true about the Grand Strategy?

a. The U.S. attempted to organized the former colonies of the colonial empires so that their resources, labor and markets would benefit the first world.

b. The U.S. supported friendly dictators in the former colonies.

c. The U.S. intervened covertly and overtly to undermine “unfriendly” dictators in the former colonies.

d. a and c e. all of above

20.(m/c) Which of the following are parts of “The Story” that was told to Americans to justify American intervention in Vietnam?

a. The tiny democracy of South Vietnam was being invaded by the Communist country of North Vietnam.

b. Communism was spreading around the world and we needed to stop it in South Vietnam, or else.

c. As the “good empire,” the U.S. needed to help the democracy of South Vietnam.

d. The body count showed that we are winning the war. e. none are exceptions

21.(m/c) Which of the “The Story”(above question 20) was true?

a. a b. b c. c d. a thru d e. none of above

22.(t/f) According to the Pentagon Papers, the real reason the U.S. waged war in Vietnam was Vietnamese independence might have the effect of undermining the Grand Strategy; Vietnam could be a “rotten apple.”

23.(t/f) According to the Vietnamese Declaration of Independence, one of the grievances of the Vietnamese people was that the French killed two million Vietnamese through forced starvation.

24.(m/c) Early U.S. support of the French recolonization of Vietnam involved all of the following EXCEPT:

a. providing transportation to French troops returning to Vietnam.

b. U.S. violation of the U.N. policy of the right of decolonization based on the dignity and rights of every people to freedom.

c. U.S. violation of the Atlantic Charter. d. U.S. terrorism against Vietnamese civilians.

e. none are exceptions

25.(m/c) The Geneva Peace Accords established all of the following?

a. permanent division of Vietnam into two countries.

b. nation elections to reunify the country in two years. c. recognition of the independence of Vietnam.

d. b and c e. all of above

26.(t/f) According to the Pentagon Papers, South Vietnam was essentially a construction of the U.S.

27.(t/f) According to the Pentagon Papers, the U.S. knew that the person they put in power in South Vietnam had no popular support; the only group that had popular support were the Viet Cong.

28.(m/c) The first phase of the American War was called pacification. Which of the following were strategies?

a. kill has many Vietnamese as possible and label them as Viet Cong.

b. destroy villages, poison crops, kill animals so the villagers were forced to relocate in ‘strategic hamlets.”

c. political reform to put governing in the hands of the Vietnamese people.

d. a and b e. all of above

29.(m/c) The second phase of the American war was called “winning hearts and minds” and it involved all of the following EXCEPT:

a. land returned to Vietnamese and political autonomy. b. increased bombing of Vietnam.

c. the use of Agent Orange to defoliate the jungle. d. free fire zones and search and destroy missions

e. none are exceptions

30.(m/c) All of the following were human costs of the American War EXCEPT:

a. the deaths of three million Vietnamese. b. 8 million Vietnamese wounded

c. thousands of villages, homes, animals and crops destroyed

d. the deaths of 60,000 U.S soldiers e. none are exceptions

31.(t/f) Through its War Crimes Working Group, the U.S. military documented hundreds of atrocities committed by the U.S. military throughout Vietnam.

32.(t/f) Operation Speedy Express killed more civilians every month from late November 1967 to May 1968 than were killed in My Lai.

33.(t/f) None of the upper echelons of U.S. military leadership and no U.S political leaders were punished for the war crimes committed in Vietnam.

34.(m/c) The last phase of the American War called Vietnamization involved all of the following?

a. letting Vietnamese troops fight the ground war in Vietnam to lessen growing the U.S. publics resistance.

b. massive bombing of the North, but also bombing of Cambodia and Laos.

c. U.S. troops invading Cambodia. d. a and b e. all of above

35.(m/c) According to the Bush Doctrine, the U.S. needs to do all of the following to maintain its global hegemony EXCEPT:

a. maintain strategic and economic influence in the Middle East.

b. make sure that third world countries adopt their national goals in line with U.S. goals.

c. respond militarily to any threats to its global hegemony.

d. maintain its treaty obligations e. none are exceptions

36.(m/c) According to the Bush Doctrine, the new standards for the U.S.’s right to use force against other countries are all of the following EXCEPT:

a. if leaders of countries have hostile intentions. b. if countries have alleged connection with terrorists.

c. if countries have alleged potential connections with terrorists.

d. if the U.S. anticipates possible future danger from a country. e. none are exceptions

37.(t/f) According to the Nuclear Posture Review, and President Obama, the U.S. will never use nuclear weapons first against another country.

38.(m/c) Which of the following is true about the Obama administration’s Nuclear Employment Strategy?

a. The U.S. will continue the policy established under the Bush Administration; it is free to initiate a nuclear attach on other nations.

b. significant reduction in nuclear weapons.

c. significant reduction in funding for nuclear weapons because of the U.S. debt.

d. b and c e. all of above

39.(m/c) According to Chalmers Johnson, the U.S. went to war with Iraq a second time because of all of the following reasons EXCEPT:

a. to overthrow Saddam and establish a puppet government.

b. to establish a permanent military presence, an extension of its empire of bases.

c. to control the world’s second largest oil reserves.

d. to liberate the Iraqi people e. none are exceptions

40.(m/c) The U.S. global war on terror is being used to expand the American Empire in which of the following ways?

a. allows the American military to justify operating in every nation of the world.

b. allows the military to spend billions creating new weapons to fight the war.

c. allows the American Empire to control dissent and resistance to its imperial goals in the U.S.

d. a and b e. all of above

41.(m/c) All of the following are components of the military-industrial complex EXCEPT:

a. the four branches of the U.S. military b. weapons contractors c. private military contractors

d. U.S. Congress e. none are exceptions

42.(t/f) If all the money in the federal budget that goes to the military, directly and indirectly, is taken into account, the U.S. spends more on the military than all the other countries spend added together.

43.(m/c) Which of the following is (are) true about U.S. military?

a. The U.S. has four air forces which together make up the largest air force in the world.

b. The U.S. has the largest navy in the world.

c. The U.S. has the largest store of chemical and biological weapons.

d. a and b e. all of above

44.(m/c) All of the following are reasons that Congress always passes defense appropriation bills EXCEPT:

a. many in Congress have investments in defense contractors

b. Congress is afraid of voting no and being characterized as weak on national security.

c. Congress is afraid of voting no and being accused of voting against jobs.

d. They believe that “pork” will make us safer e. none are exceptions

45.(t/f) One of the strategic interests of the American Empire is space dominance and to achieve the goal of space dominance the U.S. has established a Space Command.

46.(t/f) The Army School of the Americas, now called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, knowingly trained members of “death squads” in countries like Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

47.(m/c) Which of the following will be “sorrows of empire,” according to Johnson?

a. more terrorism directed at the U.S. b. authoritarian nation with imperial president and no rights.

c. financial reunion d. a and c e. all of above

48.(m/c) According to Bacevich, Americans have fallen prey to militarism which manifests itself in all of the following ways EXCEPT:

a. romanticized view of soldiers b. the view that military power is the true measure of U.S. greatness

c. unrealistic belief in the power of military means to solve problems.

d. fostering of military ideals e. none are exceptions

49.(m/c) All of the following were groups that played a role in the development of the “new American militarism” EXCEPT:

a. military officers seeking to reestablish their status in U.S. society, especially after Vietnam.

b. intellectuals fearing that American weakness would lead to the end of democracy in the world.

c. pop culture seeking to make money from depictions of heroic military adventures.

d. religious groups worried about secular humanism and the “fall” of American society.

e. none are exceptions

50.(m/c) According to Bacevich, the president who tied America and American values to a global providential mission was:

a. McKinley b. Wilson c. Theodore Roosevelt d. Franklin Roosevelt e. George W. Bush

51.(t/f) According to Bacevich, until WWII the U.S. had maintained a policy of minimum force requirement for its military.

52.(m/c) Which of the following, according to Bacevich, are indications of advancing militarism in the U.S?

a. normalization of war b. U.S. maintaining military power far in excess of its needs.

c. a new image of war as “high tech,” “surgical,” “aesthetic” d. a and b e. all of above

53.(t/f) Surveys show that soldiers in the U.S. military feel themselves superior to other Americans.

54.(t/f) Two factors that the demonstrate the threat of the “new American militarism’ to democracy are the fear of citizens to criticize the military and the fear of politicians to restrain the military.

55.(t/f) According to Bacevich, the new All Volunteer Army is a good idea because it reflects American society’s diversity.

56.(m/c) According to Bacevich, neoconservative ideology contributed to the emergence of the new American militarism in which of the following ways?

a. it asserts that evil is real and it is the duty of the U.S. to confront it.

b.it claims that there is no substitute for force

c. it claims that American values are universal values and America’s mission is to spread them with force.

d. a and c e. all of above

57.(t/f) According to Bacevich, neoconservatives believe in the need for great leaders, they believed they had one in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but were ultimately disappointed.

a. Eisenhower b. Nixon c. Reagan d. George H.W. Bush e. George W. Bush

58.(m/c) According to Bacevich, the second generation of neoconservatives believed American imperialism was good, necessary and

a. that the peoples of the world would welcome American power.

b. that the best democracy program ever invented was the U.S. Army.

c. that a combination massive U.S. military strength and moral clarity would be the way to a democratic world. d. b and c e. all of above

59.(t/f) According to Bacevich, the U.S. National Security Strategy (Bush Doctrine) was an example of the ways in which neoconservative ideology had become entrenched in the U.S. political system.

60.(m/c) Mythology, especially in the form of pop culture, has been a factor in the emergence of the new American Militarism. All of the following are examples EXCEPT:

a. The Hunt for Red October b. Full Metal Jacket c. Rambo movies

d. Officer and a Gentleman e. Top Gun

61.(m/c) The president of the U.S. who did most to propagate the mythology that furthered the new American militarism was:

a. Eisenhower b. Nixon c. Reagan d. George H.W. Bush e. George Bush

62.(m/c) Which of the following are components of the mythology that contributed to the rise of the new American militarism?

a. it creates a historical narrative of American soldiers as liberators.

b. it absolves Americans of the burdens of conscience.

c. it convinces Americans that the U.S. military brings peace to the troubled corners of the world

d. a and c e. all of above

63.(t/f) According to Bacevich, the Clinton presidency was a brief interlude, because he was antiwar, in the movement in American society to militarism. An example is his refusal to intervene in the Balkans.

64.(t/f) Bacevich argues that Catholicism was the primary religion in the U.S. that gave religious sanction to war, American empire and militarism in the U.S.

65.(t/f) Evangelical Christians in the U.S. articulated a crusade theory of warfare instead of just war theory.

66.(m/c) According to Bacevich, which of the following were evangelical Christianity’s contribution to the new American militarism?

a. gave moral sanction to any use of U.S. force. b. fostered the claimed that U.S. force was good

c. U.S. military power is an adjunct to Christ’s saving mission. d. a and b e. all of above