SOC 102: Exam #1(Spring 2011)

1.(m/c) Fundamentalist Christians believe which of the following would be solutions to American society’s problems?

a. Teaching abstinence only sex education. b. Teaching intelligent design in science classes.

c. Distribution of condoms to teenagers. d. a and b e. all of above

2.(m/c) Corporations believe which of the following are social problems?

a. government regulation b. taxes c. “runaway” juries d. a and b e. all of above

3.(m/c) Corporations believe which of the following would solve their problems?

a. deregulation b. tort reform c. elimination of corporate taxes d. a and c e. all of above

4.(m/c) All of the following are true when comparing the U.S. to other industrialized nations EXCEPT:

a. The U.S. has the highest rate of poverty. b. The U.S. provides the least amount of income to the poor.

c. The U.S. is the only industrial nation without universal health care.

d. The U.S. provides the most in all forms of aid to poor children. e. none are exceptions

5.(m/c) Television is the main source of information for \_\_\_\_ % of Americans.

a. 33% b. 50% c. 66% d. 75% e. 87%

6.(m/c) According to the Annenberg study, heavy television viewers are more likely to do all of the following EXCEPT:

a. buy a gun b. buy a dog c. fortify their homes with iron bars d. shoot a family member

e. none are exceptions

7.(m/c) According to the Annenberg study, heavy television viewers are more likely to support all of the following EXCEPT:

a. three strikes laws b. the death penalty c. less legal restraints on police

d. decrease in military funding e. none are exceptions

8.(m/c) According to your professor, all of the following are vital needs EXCEPT:

a. good job b. health care c. quality education d. retirement e. none are exceptions

9.(m/c) Which of the following is (are) necessary (vital need) in a job?

a. decent wages b. reasonable hours c. job security d. retirement benefits e. all of above

10.(t/f) According to your professor, in America if people work hard and do a good job, they will have the vital needs to enjoy a decent life.

11.(m/c) Children are more likely to be victims of violence:

a. at home b. at school c. while playing d. in the car

12.(t/f) According to your professor, the main social problem in American society is the combination of the extreme and growing inequality in wealth and income and the growing concentration of corporate power.

13.(t/f)) According to your professor, all the vital needs of millions of middle class and working class Americans and their children are in decline or being threatened.

14.(t/f) Inequality in wealth and income is increasing in American society, and is greater than at any time since the

Great Depression.

15.(t/f) According to your professor, increasing inequality in wealth and income gives the upper class power over the political system and creates a plutocracy in America.

16.(t/f) According to your professor, increasing inequality gives the upper class power to shape social institutions such as education.

17.(t/f) The U.S. has less inequality in wealth and less poverty than any other industrial nation.

18.(t/f) The top 1% of Americans have significantly increased both their wealth and their share of yearly income since the mid 1970s.

19.(t/f) The wealth and income gaps between white and black families has declined to the point where it is insignificant because so many black families have entered the middle class.

20. (m/c) All of the following are means used by corporations to increase their concentration of ownership and consequently their control over the economic system EXCEPT:

a. mergers b. acquisitions c. interlocking directorates

d. cooperation through shared monopolies e. none are exceptions

21.(m/c) All of the following were limits placed upon corporations in Colonial America EXCEPT:

a. a corporation had to be chartered by the state to fulfill a social need.

b. a corporation had time limitation to its existence. c. shareholders were not liable

d. a corporation could not buy another corporation e. none are exceptions

22.(m/c) The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment to the Constitution was used by corporations to gain the status of legal persons.

a. 11th b. 12th c. 14th d. 18th e. 20th

23.(t/f) In the U.S., the sole legal obligation of a public corporation is to maximize profit.

24.(m/c) On a Daily Show about the California energy crisis, tapes of traders showed that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took advantage of the crisis to raise the price of electricity on “Grandma Millie.”

a. SDG&E b. Sempra c. Enron d. Bechtel e. Halliburton

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Match the democratic institution or process to the ways by which it is undermined.

Institution/Process Ways

25. electoral process a. corporate owned, advertising sponsored

26. legislative process b. revolving door

27. judicial system c. lobbying

28. regulatory system d. appointments by politicians, campaign financing

29. free press e. campaign financing

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30.(t/f) The upper ten per cent of income earners receive over 60% of all investment income.

31.(m/c) The main lobbyist in *Bulworth* is from which of the following industries?

a. mass media b. insurance c. oil d. banking e. health care

32.(m/c) Bulworth sang his rap song Big Money :

a. at a church b. at a debate c. at a fundraiser d. at a club e. at a pick-up basketball game

33.(m/c) Bulworth’s campaign slogan was:

a. Change we can believe in. b. We stand at the doorstep of a new millennium.

c. Family values are American values. d. America first.

34.(t/f) According to your professor, reducing or eliminating the estate tax (“death tax”) directly benefited the majority of Americans.

35.(m/c) All of the following are true about campaign financing EXCEPT:

a. the 2008 campaign cycle set a record for funds raised by politicians.

b. the 2008 presidential campaign set a record for funds raised by presidential campaigns.

c. the largest contributors to political campaigns are the wealthiest ½ of 1 per cent of Americans.

d. corporations can now spend as much money as they want supporting the candidate of their choice.

e. none are exceptions

36.(m/c)Which of the following industries was the biggest donor to Obama’s campaign?

a. financial b. oil c. pharmaceutical d. Oprah e. none of above

37.(m/c) All of the following engage in lobbying EXCEPT:

a. industries like health insurance b. trade groups like American Bankers Association

c. front groups like Citizens for Better Medicare d. public interest groups like Union of Concerned Scientists

e. none are exceptions

38.(m/c) According to the Daily Show, which of the following are guidelines for setting up a “fake” town hall meeting?

a. an alliterative title b. interracial and gender sensitive background

c. control of questions d. b and c e. all of above

39.(m/c) The function of regulatory agencies is undermined by which of the following?

a. revolving door b. statutory limits on enforcement c. limits on funding

d. a and b e. all of above

40.(t/f) The function of the FDA is compromised by the fact that the pharmaceutical industry partially funds its

operation.

41.(t/f) Incumbents get most of the campaign contributions and they win over 90% of the time.

42.(m/c) Corporations receive welfare in which of the following forms?

a. tax credits b. privatization of public resources

c. publicly funded research and development d. bailouts e. all of above

43.(m/c) Which of the following are ways that the merging of politics and television has undermined our democratic process?

a. Increased campaigning via uninformative television advertising. b. Televised phony town hall meetings.

c. Increased expense of running for political office. d. a and b e. all of the above

44.(m/c) All of the following are examples of wealthfare EXCEPT:

a. Work Opportunity Tax Credit b. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

c. Telecommunications Act o1996 d. TARP bailout e. none are exceptions

45.(m/c) After WWII and untile the mid-1970s, the American economy was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -based economy.

a. agricultural b. industrial c. service d. ranching

46.(m/c) Since the mid-1970s, the American economy has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - based economy..

a. agricultural b. industrial c. service d. technology e. manufacturing

47.(m/c) All of the following are reasons for the deindustrialization of the American economy EXCEPT:

a. automation b. off shoring c. declining corporate profits

d. mergers e. none are exceptions

48.(m/c) The poorest minority group in the U.S. is:

a. Asian Americans b. African Americans c. Native Americans d. Latino Americans

49.(t/f) One consequence of the changing U.S. economy has been huge increase in the use of temporary workers hired through companies like Manpower.

50.(t/f) San Diego’s economy is a good example of an economy that still produces mainly hi-tec and therefore high paying jobs.

51.(t/f) The good thing about service sector jobs is that he majority of jobs (McJobs) today pay more in real wages than the blue collar manufacturing jobs of the 1950s, like putting bolt number three in kitchen cabinets

52. (t/f) A consequence of off shoring is a shrinking tax base for communities. A consequence of a lower community tax base is less revenue for schools, roads, and parks.

53.(m/c) All of the following are characteristics of a McJob EXCEPT:

a. minimum wage or low pay b. temporary or part-time c. no benefits

d. little chance for advancement e. increased job security

54.(m/c) The private company that employs the most workers is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. McDonalds b. Wal\*Mart c. Manpower d. Microsoft e. J.P. Morgan Chase

55.(m/c) All of the following are examples of the downward mobility of the middle class in the U.S. EXCEPT:

a. increase in bankruptcies. b. increase in household and credit card debt.

c. increase in auto repossessions. d. increase in foreclosures. e. none are exceptions

56.(m/c) Because of the transformation of the economy, more and more people are working a second job. This is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. a. second shift b. moonlighting

57.(m/c) According to the documentary “Foreign Service,” what are the types of jobs that are **more recently** being exported to other countries?

a. manufacturing b. financial services c. technology d. b and c e. all of the above

58.(m/c) According to the documentary “Foreign Service,” most of the above jobs are being sent to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. Malaysia b. Singapore c. Vietnam d. India e. Indonesia

59.(m/c) Full-time working women still do an average of twenty-seven hours of domestic labor. This is called

a. moonlighting b. second shift

60.(m/c) The official poverty line for a family of four in the U.S. is approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before taxes.

a. $18,000 b. $22,000 c. $28,000 d. $31,000 e. $34,000

61.(m/c) The formula for establishing the poverty line in the U.S. is \_\_\_ times the cost of a minimal subsistence diet. a. 2 b. 3 c. 3 d. 4 e. 5

62.(m/c) All of the following are problems with the poverty line formula EXCEPT:

a. it overestimates the number of poor.

b. it should be 5 times the cost of a minimal subsistence diet.

c. a minimal subsistence diet is not adequate to maintain health.

d. it is calculated before taxes. e. none are exceptions

63.(m/c) Which of the following terms describes those poor who make one-half or less of the poverty line?

a. working poor b. near poor c. severely poor d. lazy e. culturally deficient

64.(t/f) In recent years the number of people who are working and are still below the poverty line has increased.

65.(m/c) In the episode of the Awful Truth entitled NAFTA Mike, the unemployed office worker:

a. was a street vendor in Juarez. b. had his old job back but in Juarez.

d. had taken Michael Moore’s job for good because he cost less. e. had gone back to Michigan.

(t/f) The U.S. has the lowest rate of poverty of any industrial country and offers the most social service programs, e.g., health care, job training, low income housing

24.(m/c) The lower educational attainment of minorities is due to:

a. biological differences b. a culture of poverty c. unequal access to high-quality education d. a and b

e. all of above

25.(m/c) All of the following are examples of racial inequality EXCEPT:

a. Black, Latino, and Native Americans disproportionately in lower strata of wealth and income.

b. Disproportionately high rates of unemployment in the above groups.

c. Disproportionately high rates of poverty in above groups.

d. a and b e. none of the above

26.(m/c) Which of the following are examples of inequality in life chances for Black, Latino, and Native Americans?

a. higher rates of birth defects b. higher rates of infant mortality c. higher rates of hunger

d. higher rates of lead poisoning e. all of above

27.(m/c) Which of the following is a sociological theory that explains social structure as the cause of racial inequality?

a. biological deficiency theory b. cultural deficiency theory c. institutional racism