Exam #1

1.(t/f) A theory is a set of propositions that explains certain phenomena.

2.(m/c) Which of the following are characteristics of theory?

a. propositions are coherent b. theory construction has practical value

c. theory construction is rule governed d. a and c. e. all of above

3.(t/f) 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.

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

5.(t/f) According to Adam Smith, capitalism is the best economic system because it allows the market place to function without interference and it understands the truth about human nature, people are greedy.

6.(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 the quality products at low prices.

c. national wealth will increase d. a and b e. all of above

7.(t/f) According to the Third Law of the market place, workers will benefit from a free market. Economy.

8.(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.

9.(t/f) Milton Friedman, like Adam Smith, argued that capitalism is the best economic system but he also argued that it necessarily leads to freedom.

10.(t/f) Milton Friedman believed that public education is socialism.

11.(m/c) According to Milton Friedman, which of the following should be policy goals in a free market system?

a. complete deregulation so that the market can self-regulate. b. privatization

c. implementation of social programs like welfare and social security d. a and b e. all of above

12.(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.

13.(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

14.(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.

15. (m/c) According to the documentary The Corporation, in early America, the corporation was a subordinate institution in U.S. society. All of the following were limits place upon corporations at the time 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

16.(m/c) According to the documentary The Corporation, 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

17.(t/f) In the U.S., the sole legal obligation of a corporation is to maximize return on investment for its shareholders..

18.(m/c) According to Ritzer, the classical theorist who influenced early American sociology the most was:

a. Durkheim b. Spencer c. Marx d. Weber e. Simmel

19.(m/c) Social Darwinism involved all of the following ideas EXCEPT:

a. Society is progressing through human social evolution.

b. Humans are engaged in a struggle for survival in the economic sphere (competition).

c. Survival of the fittest is the necessary and positive outcome of the struggle for survival.

d. The elimination of races, like Native Americans, is simply a result of “survival of the fittest.”

e. None are exceptions

20(m/c) Social Darwinism led to eugenics which was the science of making better human beings. All of the following are true about eugenic practices in the U.S. EXCEPT:

a. led to forced sterilization of “feeble minded.” b. led to incarceration of “feeble minded.”

c. led to labeling the majority of immigrants as “feeble minded”

d. was institutionalized in U.S. legal system until 1970s. e. none are exceptions

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

22.(m/c) All of the following were conventional wisdoms in the 1950s America 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. the nuclear family was the way to happiness e. none are exceptions

23.(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

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

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

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

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

26.(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

27.(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

28. Adaptation a. Personality System

29. Goal Attainment b. Behavioral Organism

30. Integration c. Cultural System

31. Latency d. Social System

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32.(t/f) According to structural functionalism, to fulfill its function, the education system needs to be structured as a meritocracy.

33.(t/f) According to structural functionalism, the main function of the family is to socialize children into the norms and values of society.

34.(m/c) According to Merton, all of the following were reasons for unintended consequences Except:

a. ignorance b. error c. imperious immediacy of interest d. basic values e. none are exceptions

35.(m/c) According to Ritzer, Merton introduced all of the following ideas to structural functionalism EXCEPT:

a. dysfunctions b. latent and manifest functions c. nonfunctions

d. self-fulfilling prophecy e. none are exceptions

36.(t/f) According to Coser, conflict will have a positive function for society if its social structures are rigid, inflexible, and repressive.

37.(t/f) According to Parsons, the primary function of the societal community is to define the obligations of loyalty.

38.(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

39.(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

40.(m/c) Mills argues in the *Power Elite* that power in the U.S. is gained and maintained primarily through:

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

41.(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. mass media d. military e. none are exceptions

42.(m/c) According to Mills, which was the dominate group in the power elite of the 1950s?

a. political elite b. corporate elite c. military elite d. media elite e. none are exceptions

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

44.(m/c) According to Mills, war is beneficial 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

45.(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.

46.(m/c) According to Mills’ theory of the power elite, the mass media has all of the following functions in American society 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

47.(t/f) Mills characterized the time in which he wrote as the Fourth Epoch.

48.(m/c) According to Mills, all of the following are characteristics of the times in which Mills wrote EXCEPT:

a. moral insensibility b. war as absurdity c. society becoming a sales room

d. permanent war economy e. none are exceptions

49.(m/c) Domhoff’s theory of power 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.

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

51. special interest process b. operates through lobbying

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

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

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

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Match the power network to its primary function.

55. candidate selection process a. influence decision making of legislature

56. special interest process b. control elections

57. policy planning process c. manufacture consent of the people

58. opinion shaping process d. develop public policy through exclusive organizations

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59.(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.

60.(m/c) According to Domhoff, all of the following are characteristics of the corporate community EXCEPT:

a. concentration of ownership b. shared monopolies c. interlocking directorates

d. shared ownership e. none are exception