Exam #1

1.(m/c) The text takes a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ approach to social problems.

a. social structural b. individual deviance

2.(m/c) Corporations identify which of the following as social problems?

a. government regulation b. high taxes c. public ownership d. a and b e. all of above

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

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

4.(m/c) According to the Annenberg study, heavy television viewers are more likely to think street crime is a social problem so they do which of the following?

a. buy a gun b. buy a dog c. fortify their homes with iron bars d. a and c e. all of above

5.(t/f)) All of the vital needs of millions of middle class and working class Americans and their children are in decline or being threatened.

6.(m/c) All of the following are vital needs EXCEPT:

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

7. (m/c) All of the following are examples of the decline in vital needs EXCEPT:

a. millions of good jobs have been lost to automation and off shoring.

b. millions of Americans have lost their homes. c. 1 in 6 families in the U.S. is food insecure

d. millions of Americans have lost their health care. e. none are exceptions

8.(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

9.(t/f) All evidence demonstrates that in America if people work hard and do a good job, they will be able to acquire the vital needs to enjoy a decent life.

10.(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

11.(t/f) The physical infrastructure in the United States, roads, bridges, sewage systems, are in serious disrepair because of lack of investment in them.

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

Great Depression.

14.(t/f) Increasing inequality in wealth and income gives the upper class power over the political system and creates a plutocracy in America.

15.(t/f) Increasing inequality gives the upper class power to shape social institutions such as education.

16.(t/f) Despite the evidence of growing inequality in the U.S., it still has less inequality in wealth and less poverty than any other industrial nation.

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

18.(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.

19.(t/f) The global financial crisis of 2007-8 had the same negative effects in the U.S. on families of all races.

20.( m/c) According to the text, the rich get richer because of government policies. Which of the following are examples?

a. elimination of the estate tax b. reduction of corporate tax rates

c. reduction of tax rates on dividend and capital gains income d. a and b e. all of above

21.(t/f)) The rich have gotten richer primarily because of legislation, deregulation and privatization.

22.(m/c) All of the following are examples of tax loopholes EXCEPT:

a. Work Opportunity Tax Credit. b. Carnival and Royal Caribbean registered in Panama.

c. carried interest d. tax havens e. none are exceptions

23.(m/c) All of the following are true about corporate taxes in the U.S. EXCEPT:

a. U.S. corporations pay so much in taxes that they can not compete globally.

b. Corporate contributions to federal tax revenue have declined since 1950.

c. Sixty per cent of U.S. companies pay no taxes.

d. In a recent two year period, twelve of the largest corporations in the U.S had a negative tax rate.

e. none are exceptions

24. (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

25.(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

26.(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

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

28.(m/c) An example of how large corporations can manipulate the marketplace was revealed in a Daily Show about the California energy crisis and how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took advantage to raise the price of electricity on “Grandma Millie.” a. SDG&E b. Sempra c. Enron d. Bechtel e.Halliburton

29.(t/f) Citizens in “social welfare” countries pay much more than Americans for social services, such as medical care, education, child care, and libraries and parks, because they pay such high taxes.

30.(m/c) All of the following are true about the millions of poor in America EXCEPT:

a. they receive an inferior education. b. they live in substandard housing.

c. they are more likely to be exposed to toxic chemicals.

d. they receive better social welfare benefits than the poor of any other country. e. none are exceptions

31.(m/c) All of the following areas of economic activity in the U.S. are dominated by shared monopolies EXCEPT:

a. television b. airlines c. oil d. software e. none are exceptions

32.(m/c) All of the following are consequences of mergers between large corporations EXCEPT:

a. they reduce competition and cause increased prices for consumers.

b. they increase the power of corporations over workers and governments.

c. they cause job loss d. they are good for consumers e. none are exceptions

33.(t/f) Since the mid-1970s, real wages are stagnant or declining for 90% of income earners.

34.(m/c) According to the text, which of the following are examples of subsidies to big business?

a. Government installed price supports to guarantee profit.

b. Bailout of airline industry which then fired thousands of workers.

c. The Medicare Prescription Drug Bill. d. b and c e. all of above

35.(m/c) All of the following are true about the U.S. economy EXCEPT:

a. 500 large corporations dominate sales and profits. b. small businesses are the backbone of the economy.

c. mergers of large corporations, Exxon-Mobil, Time-Turner-Warner-AOL, have led to greater concentration.

d. all sectors of the economy are dominated by shared monopolies. e. none are exceptions

36.(m/c) The transformation of the economy, deindustrialization, has led to all of the following EXCEPT:

a. millions of displaced workers b. increased unemployment c. decreased social mobility

d. insecurity about retirement e. none are exceptions

37.(m/c) Median household income in the U.S is approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. $46,000 b. $77,000 c. $25,000 d. $38,00 e. none of above

38.(t/f) The upper ten percent of income earners receive over 80% of all investment income.

39.(m/c) According to the Citigroup memo, which of the following is (are) true?

a. The U.S. and the other countries mentioned in the memo are ruled by the wealthy.

b. The wealthy have become wealthier at the expense of the working class.

c. The governments of the countries mentioned have acted to help the wealthy.

d. a and c e. all of above

40.(m/c) All of the following are examples of legislation that created greater profit for corporations EXCEPT:

a. Medicare Prescription Drug bill b. Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”)

c. Cheney Energy bill d. Commodities Futures Modernization Act e. none are exceptions

41.(m/c) From the late nineteenth century to the mid-1970s, the American economy was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - based.

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

42.(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. outsourcing e. none are exceptions

43.(t/f) One consequence of the changing U.S. economy has been the large increase in the use of temporary workers.

44.(t/f) San Diego’s economy is a good example of an economy that still produces mainly hi-tech jobs.

45.(t/f) The good thing about service sector jobs is that the 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.

46.(t/f) The average income for the bottom 90% of American households is under $30,000 dollars.

47.(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

48.(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

49.(t/f) Americans lost more than a trillion dollars in their 401Ks during the economic collapse of 2007-2010.

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

a. $18,000 b. $24,000 c. $28,000 d. $31,000 e. $34,000

51.(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

52.(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

53..(m/c) In Fear Factory, the Chinese company that made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ products solved the problem of worker suicides by putting nets around the building.

a. Microsoft b. Apple c. Dell d. Wal-Mart e. Nike

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Match the democratic institution or process to the way it is undermined.

Institution/Process Ways

54. electoral process a. corporate owned, advertising sponsored

55. legislative process b. under funding and revolving door

56. judicial system c. lobbying

57. regulatory system d. politicians appointing judges

58. free press e. campaign financing

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59.(t/f) Bulworth told the congregation of a church in south central LA that he was not going to do anything for

them because they didn’t contribute to his campaign.

60.(m/c) Which of the following is an example of a “photo op” from the Daily Show?

a. Obama serving a meal to people at a homeless shelter. b. Paul Ryan washing dishes at a homeless shelter

c. Biden in New Jersey after latest hurricane d. Obama trap shooting e. none of above

61.(t/f) In the 2012 political campaign, thirty-two people averaging $9.9 million each contributed more than the total contributed by 3,700,000 people.

62.(m/c)Which of the following industries was the biggest donor to Obama’s 2008 campaign?

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

63.(m/c) Which of the following are limits on the enforcement capabilities of the Department of Agriculture’s regulation of meat processing?

a. does not have the power to order a company to make a recall, even if the contamination is lethal.

b. does not have the power to order the company to issue a warning to the public.

c. does not have the power to impose mandatory penalties or fines. d. b and c e. all of above

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

a. the 2012 campaign cycle set a record for funds raised by all politicians.

b. the 2012 presidential campaign set a record for funds raised by presidential campaigns.

c. the largest contributors to political campaigns were labor unions.

d. because of the Citizens United ruling corporations can now spend as much as they want influencing the outcome of the electoral process. e. none are exceptions

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

a. “revolving door” b. limits on enforcement c. limits on funding d. a and b e. all of above