Exam #1

1.(m/c) The sociological imagination allows us to see the ways in which the following shape individual lives?

a. institutions b. systems of stratification c. social change d. a and b e. all of above

2.(m/c) The sociological imagination raises questions about which of the following conventional wisdoms?

a. America is the land of equal opportunity

b. education is an institution that guarantees equality of opportunity

c. hard work equals success 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. privatization d. a and c e. all of above

4.(t/f) According to your professor, conventional wisdom refers to the ideas and beliefs that the majority of the population accepts without question.

5.(t/f) According to your professor, the corporate owned mass media in America guarantees that Americans are the best informed citizenry in the world.

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. not walk in their neighborhood at night e. none are exceptions

7.(m/c) The reason that your professor argues that the mass media is an institution of mass distraction and stupification is that it focuses on:

a. violent crime when the violent crime rate is down.

b. diseases that are more dramatic but less significant in terms of death and illness.

c. celebrities and their behavior d. a and c e. all of above

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

a. good job b. affordable and quality health care c. affordable and quality education

d. privatizing social security 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. 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 in corporate ownership.

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

14.(m/c) According to The Daily Show, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ earned millions of dollars on his/her investments but paid a tax rate of less than 15%.

a. Newt Gingrich b. Mitt Romney c. Michelle Bachman d. Ron Paul

15.(t/f) According to your professor, increasing inequality in wealth and income give the upper class power over the political system, but the electoral system (voting) keeps real power in the hands of the people.

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

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% and bottom 20% 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 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. shared monopolies in all sectors of the economy and interlocking directorates have led to greater concentration.

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

e. none are exceptions

21.(t/f) The economic downturn in the U.S. from 2005-9 had a more significant negative impact on the net worth of black and Hispanic families than white families.

22.(t/f) Median household income in the U.S is approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. $50,000 b. $35,000 c. $25,000

23.(t/f) According to your professor, there is a direct correlation between corporate record profits and the elimination of jobs, lower wages, and cutbacks in benefits.

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. under funding and revolving door

27. judicial system c. lobbying

28. regulatory system d. appointments by politicians

29. free press e. campaign financing

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30.(t/f) The upper ten per cent of income earners receive over 80% 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.(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.

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) Candidates are not supposed to communicate with the Super Pacs that support them, but a loophole allows the candidate to communicate indirectly through television.

35.(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

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

operation.

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

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

38.(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

39.(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

40.(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

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

42.(m/c) Corporations receive “wealthfare” 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. Greater expense for political campaigning. 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.(t/f) Drug companies claim that the high cost of research and development is the reason that drug prices are so high. However, research and development costs are heavily subsidized by the government.

46.(m/c) The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment established the precedent that corporations are persons under the law.

a. Twelve b. Thirteenth c. Fourteenth d. Fifteenth e. Nineteenth

47.(m/c) What the author of Gangs refers to as “quasi-rights” were created by:

a. legislative acts b. judicial rulings c. trade agreements

48.(m/c) According to Gangs, Corporate constitutional rights have had which of the following consequences?

a. hindered the government’s ability to regulate the workplace for safety

b. prevented states from taxing corporations c. prevented campaign finance reform

d. a and b e. all of above

49.(m/c) According to Gangs, corporations have the same constitutional protections as persons under which of the following Amendments?

a. First b. Fourth c. Eighth d. a and b e. all of above

50.(m/c) According to Gangs, the leaders in early America believed that corporations were necessary to:

a. create jobs b. provide goods and services to consumers

c. meet social needs d. a and b e. all of above

51. (t/f) According to Gangs, the federal government was given the power to regulate corporations through the charter system.

52.(m/c) All of the following were pre-Civil War controls over corporations EXCEPT:

a. life span was limited to 20-30 years.

b. charters limited the amount of investment capital, capitalization

c. corporations were restricted to operation in the state in which they were chartered

d. charters sometimes limited amount of profit e. none are exceptions

53 (t/f) The assumption concerning corporations in early America was that they were inherently dangerous because of their capacity to accumulate power.

54.(m/c) According to Gangs, the prototype of the modern corporation is:

a. East India Company b. Virginia Company

55.(m/c) Which of the following were Superpowers that have been given to corporations, according to Gangs?

a. no limits on life span b. no restrictions on location c. no limits on size d. a and b e. all above

56.(m/c) The term “survival of the fittest” was coined by:

a. Herbert Spencer. b. Charles Darwin c. Henry Lamarck

57.(m/c) The social theory with the most significant impact on the U.S. Supreme Court was:

a. democratic theory b. liberal social theory c. free market theory

d. social Darwinism e. none of the above

58.(m/c) When did labor organization begin in the U.S. and what was its primary goal at the time.

a. pre-Civil War/wages b. Civil War/hours c. Late nineteenth century/wages

d. early twentieth century/hours e. 1950s/wages

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Match the following to its definition

59. law of master slave 60. crimes of status 61. relative liberty 62 .Paris commune

a. workers revolted against French government and took over capitol and established socialist system

b. allowed the owner to physically punish worker.

c. allowed government to arrest and incarcerate the poor

d. idea that people were free except in workplace

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63.(m/c) The most dangerous man in America in the 1960’s and 1970’s was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because he challenged corporate power.

a. Ralph Nader b. Danial Ellsbersg c.

64.(m/c) All of the following are means that corporations used to regain power lost in the 1960s and 1970s EXCEPT:

a. ALEC b. front groups like Center for Tobacco Research

c. lawsuits against popular movements, like food disparagement laws.

c. judicial education seminars d. a and b e. all of above

65.(m/c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refers to corporations being able to pursue acquisitions and create spin-off companies.

a. adaptability b. shape shifting

66.(m/c) According to Second Thoughts, all of the following are true about violence in the U.S. EXCEPT:

a. all statistics on violent crime show a similar decrease in the violent crime rate from 1992 to the present.

b. violent crime is an infrequent event which is highly patterned.

c. murder and rape victims are more likely to be victimized randomly by strangers.

d. the majority of child abductions are the work of loved ones. e. none are exceptions

67.(t/f) In the “world” of television 64% of all characters are involved in violence, but in the real world only 1% of people are involved in violence.

68.(t/f) Some sociologists argue that Americans’ fear of violence is the result of the social construction of reality.

69.(m/c) A \_\_\_\_\_\_ analysis focuses on the interrelationships among various parts of society and is ultimately concerned with social order.

a. functional b. conflict

70.(m/c) The Davis-Moore thesis argues that income inequality serves to benefit society as a whole.