Exam #1

1.(m/c) Domhoff’s theory of power is:

a. pluralism b. state autonomy c. elite d. class domination

2.(m/c) According to Domhoff, approximately \_\_\_% of Americans never receive anything through inheritance.

a. 25 b.33 c. 50` d. 70 e. 90

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Match the following of Domhoff’s terms to its definition

3. Distributive power a. Empirical method used by Domhoff.

4. Corporate community b. Who governs? who benefits? who wins?

5. power indicators c. Profit seeking organizations connected into single network

6. membership network ananlysis d. Ability of group to be successful over others

7.collective power e. Capacity of community or nation to pursue its common goals successfully.

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8.(t/f) According to Domhoff, leaders of the corporate community are critical of the government despite their control of it, because the government can still help people.

9.(t/f0 The main threat to corporate power, according to Domhoff, is labor unions because they provide an organizational base for challenging corporate power.

10.(t/f) According to Domhoff, the liberal-labor coalition dominated the Democratic party for most of U.S. history and was equal in power to the corporate-conservative coalition during that long period.

11.(t/f) A producer network, according to Domhoff, involves economic relations between large multi-national corporations which create common interests and goals.

12.(t/f) According to Domhoff, corporate lawyers even though they represent corporate interests are professionals with a code of ethics that sets them apart from the corporate community.

13.(t/f) According to Domhoff, the twenty-three million small businesses, small family farms, and local growth coalitions in the U.S. constitute a powerful economic and political block which is successful in opposing the upper class.

14.(m/c) All of the following are examples the means by which the upper class develops cohesion through its shared social experiences EXCEPT:

a. private universities b. elite prep schools c. country clubs

d. Alfalfa Club e. none are exceptions

15.(t/f) According to Domhoff, corporate executive who are not members of the upper class are assimilated into the upper class both economically and socially.

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Match the following component of the policy-planning network to its correct definition.

a. think tanks b. foundations c. policy discussion groups

16. think tanks a. tax-free institutions created to give grants to both individuals and non-profit organizations.

17. foundations b. nonprofit organizations that provide settings for experts in various academic disciplines.

18. policy discussion groups c. organizations that bring together experts from government and big business around general issues and problems.

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Match the following component of the policy-planning network to its appropriate example.

Component Example

19. think tanks a. Ford, MacArthur, Doris Duke

20. foundations b. American Enterprise Institute

21. policy discussion groups c. Council on Foreign Relations

22.(t/f) The Heritage Foundation is an example of a corporate-conservative think tank.

23.(t/f) The city with the best mass transit in the world in the 1920s and 1930s was:

a. New York b. London c. LA d. Tokyo e. Paris

24.(t/f) The National Smokers Alliance is an example of a front group.

25.(t/f) According to Domhoff, elections do not matter in the U.S. because they do not lead to a redistribution of power.

26.(m/c) According to Domhoff, we have a two party system in the U.S. because:

a. the U.S. has a single-member-district plurality system. b. the U.S. elects a president

c. third parties are extremist d. a and b e. all of above

27.(t/f) According to Domhoff, the control of both parties by the upper class reinforces the worst tendencies of the two party system. They are:

a. avoidance of issues b. collusion c. emphasis on personality of candidate

28.(t,f) According to Domhoff, business and labor contribute almost the same amount in terms of campaign financing.

29.(t/f) Domhoff emphasizes the emergence of new forms of funding in the Kerry and Bush presidential campaign; it was soft money. An example was Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

30.(t/f) In the early twentieth century in the U.S., socialists were elected in hundreds of local elections across the country.

31.(t/f) In the South, primary elections were used originally as a way to include African-Americans who otherwise would have been excluded.

32.(t/f) According to Weber’s theory of power, force is the only means by which the powerful can gain and maintain control in society.

33.(m/c) All of the following are characteristics of power according to the Pluralist theory of power EXCEPT:

a. power is fluid b. power is centralized c. power is legitimated through consensus

d. no single person or group has power e. none are exceptions

34.(m/c) According to the Power Elite theory, a power elite governs society by holding positions in which of the following areas?

a. political system b. economic system c. military d. a and b e. all of above

35.(t/f) According to State Autonomy theory, the state has power in society for all of the following reasons EXCEPT:

a. monopoly on the use of force b. regulates taxes c. defends the country

d. legitimated by the people e. none are exceptions

36.(m/c) According to the Institutional, or structural, theory of power, all of the following are true EXCEPT:

a. power is personal b. institutions are governed by internal logic

c. human agency is determined by institutions d. dominant institution is a corporation

e. none are exceptions

37.(t/f) At the center of the constellation of power in the U.S. are the capitalist class and the five hundred largest corporations.

38.(m/c) All of the following are components of the constellation of power EXCEPT:

a. economic system b. political system c. mass media

d. Christian right e. none are exceptions

39.(t/f) Advertising is a component of the constellation of power because it is used to created compliant subjects who are preoccupied with consuming.

40.(t/f) In the constellation of power, education functions to maintain power by operating as a gatekeeper.

41.(m/c) When President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ left office, he gave a speech saying the biggest threat to American democracy was the military-industrial complex.

a. Truman b. Eisenhower c. Kennedy d. Carter e. Reagan

42.(m/c) According to your professor, all of the following are included in the present military industrial complex EXCEPT:

a. weapons contractors b. security contractors c. private military corporations

d. military e. none are exceptions

43.(m/c) The top 1% in the U.S. have approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ % of the wealth.

a. 20-30 b. 35-40 c. 55-60 d. 60-66

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

a. The concentration of wealth in the top 1% is continuing to increase.

b. The concentration of wealth in the top 1% has doubled since the 1970s

c. The concentration of wealth in the top 1% is greater than any other industrial country.

d. According to economists, there is a wealth cycle, and eventually the distribution of wealth will equal out like it always has. e. none are exceptions

45.(m/c) The median household income in the U.S. is:

a. $40,000 b. $45,000 c. $50,000 d. $55,000 e. $60,000

46.(m/c) Which of the following create a upper class that is also a social class?

a. common membership in upper class social organizations.

b. friendship networks based on social interactions.

c. upper class subculture through attendance at boarding schools.

d. a and c e. all of above

47.(t/f) According to the documentary The Corporation, corporations were a subordinate institution in early American society with significant operational constraints.

48.(t/f) According to The Corporation, in early American, corporate shareholders were liable.

49.(m/f) Which Amendment to the Constitution was used by corporations to gain the legal standing of “person”?

a. Twelve b. Fourteenth c. Fifteenth d. Eighteenth e. Twentieth

50.(t/f) According to the documentary The Corporation, one could describe the corporation today as an “eternal person who is legally allowed to own other persons.”

51.(t/f) According to your professor, the top 500 corporations own over half of all business assets, make over half of all sales, make over half of all profits.

52.(t/f) When comparing national budgets to corporate sales, sixty-six of the one hundred largest economies are corporations.

53.(m/c) Your professor was “amused” when the CEO from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ talked about how his company cared about the environment.

a. Exxon/Mobil b. Royal Dutch Shell c. BP/Amoco d. Sun

54.(m/c) All of the following contribute to the concentration of economic power in the largest corporations EXCEPT:

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

d. strategic alliances e. none are exceptions

55.(m/c) After tax corporate profits have risen from $503 billion in 2001 to \_\_\_\_\_\_ in 2008.

a. $650 billion b. $870 billion c. $1.3 trillion d. $2.4 trillion e. $3 trillion

56.(m/c) The 500 large corporations control labor through which of the following means?

a. off shoring b. outsourcing c. downsizing d. control of the NLRB

57.(t/f) In the U.S., the sole legal obligation of a public corporation is the maximization of return on investment for its shareholders (profit).

58.(t/f) An example of how shared monopolies and concentrated ownership can allow traders to “arbitrage” the marketplace was revealed in a Daily Show about the California energy crisis and how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took advantage to raise the price of electricity on “Aunt 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

59. electoral process a. corporate owned, advertising sponsored

60. legislative process b. underfunding and limiting enforcement

61. judicial system c. lobbying and “revolving door”

62. regulatory system d. appointments, campaign financing

63. free press e. campaign financing

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Match the following power network to its means of operation.

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

65. special interest process b. operates through lobbying

66. policy planning process c. operates through public relations firms

67. opinion shaping process d. operates through donations from foundations

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68.(m/c) Which of the following are ways that the dominant class controls the electoral process?

a. campaign financing b. electoral college c. winner take all elections

d. a and b e. all of above

69.(m/c) The TV show that makes the most money from political advertisements is:

a. Law and Order SVU b. Wheel of Fortune c. Jeopardy

d. Oprah e. Daily Show

70.(m/c) According to one of the EV1 owners, the car meets the needs of only \_\_\_\_% of the population.

a. 20% b. 40% c. 50% d. 80% e. 90%

71.(t/f) According to Who Killed the Electric Cars?, one hundred years ago there were more electric cars on the road than gas cars.

72.(t/f) The California Air Resources Board overturned its own Zero Emissions Vehicle mandate because the board decided that electric cars were impractical and hydrogen vehicles offered a better and more practical solution.

73.(t/f) Advertising for electric cars was typical; commercials showed cars on open roads with beautiful scenery in the background and beautiful women riding in them or adorning them in some other way.

74.(t/f) Manufacturers intentionally installed an inferior battery in the electric car to make it less attractive for consumers.

75.(m/c) Which of the following are examples of economic power exercised by the auto industry?

a. not allowing consumers to purchase the electric car. b. law suit challenging the CARB mandate.

c. Bush administration outlawing electric car. d. a and b e. all of above

76.(t/f) Huell Howser on a tv show called “California’s Green” accidentally discovered brand new Honda electric cars being shredded at a junk yard.

77.(m/c) The tax deduction for buying a Hummer is:

a. $3000 b. $10,000 c. $50,000 d.$70,000 e. $100,000

78.(t/f) The automobile industry established a front group to campaign against increased consumer acceptance of electric cars.

79.(t/f) The hydrogen car is better than the electric car in all of the following ways EXCEPT:

a. longer range b. hydrogen fuel is less expensive c. hydrogen car is less expensive

d. better in cold weather e. none are exceptions

80.(m/c) At the end of Who Killed the Electric Car?, it is claimed there is already a better car ready for the market; it is the plug in hybrid.

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