Study Guide Exam #1

1. Introduction to sociology.

a. Sociological imagination.

b. Sociological TERMS**,** especially those that are mentioned in the text and in the lectures: norms, social role etc. Be able to write short definition.

c. Main sociological study or experiment in each chapter: sociologists, study, conclusions (broad).

d. Three sociological paradigms and their application.

e. Reader: “Sociological Imagination” by Mills

2. Stratification

a. types of systems, characteristics

b. American system: trend and comparison (wealth and income)

c. Education: Great Equalizer or Gatekeeper (“Savage Inequalities”).

d. Reader: “Sick Out of Luck” by Sered

e. terms: status, master status, ascribed status, achieved status, Davis-Moore Thesis, No Child Left Behind.

3. Economy

a. function

b. capitialism and socialism: characteristics

c. U.S economy: corporations, concentration of ownership, trend.

d. deindustrialization: causes, consequences (downward mobility, poverty)

e. terms: law of supply and demand, deindustrialization, McJobs, shared monopolies, interlocking directorates, offshoring, outsourcing, automation, poor poor, working poor, Clayton Act, Sherman Anti-Trust Act, second shift, moonlighting.

f. “Smile Factory”: stratification and social interaction at Disneyland.

4. Political Institution

a. function

b. democracy and fascism: characteristics

c. American democracy: concentration of wealth and democratic institutions.

d. terms: wealthfare, campaign financing, lobbying, 527 Groups, regulatory agencies, think tanks, hard money, soft money.

e. “Challenging Power” by Krauss

5. Videos:

a. “Who Killed The Electric Car”

b. “Corporation”: nature of corporation (early America and present), externalities.

c. “Inequality in American Schools”

d. Bulworth: democracy and wealth.

e. “Downward Mobility” and “Free Speech for Sale”: democracy and political advertising.