Exam #2

1.(t/f) The trend in all U.S. media except film production is towards increasing concentration of ownership.

2.(m/c) All of the following are examples of media concentration EXCEPT:

a. shared monopoly b. shared ownership c. interlocking directorates d. competition e. none are exceptions

3.(m/c) All of the following are the goals of corporate-owned, advertising-sponsored news EXCEPT:

a. make a profit b. entertainment c. cut costs d. inform the public e. none are exceptions

4.(m/c) All of the following should be functions of the press in a democracy EXCEPT:

a. inform b. seek the truth c. advocate for the people d. entertainment e. none are exceptions

5.(m/c) Cost cutting measures have made corporate news dependent upon:

a. press conferences b. higher quality journalism c. VNRsand GNRs d. a and c e. all of above

6.(m/c) All of the following dominate the content of news stories EXCEPT:

a. violence b. natural disasters c. personalities d. workers’ vital needs e. none are exceptions

7.(m/c) Which of the following are examples of news as entertainment from the Daily Show?

a. Reporter getting tased with 50,000 volts. b. Reporters demonstrating how windy a hurricane is.

c. Reporter canoeing in “flood” water. d. a and b e. all of above

8.(m/c) Which of the following is (are) true about the cost of the US health care system?

a. The total cost is greater than the cost of the health care system of any other country.

b. It has a higher per capita cost than the health care system in any other country.

c. Health care is a commodity, but its cost is regulated by the government to make it affordable.

d. a and b e. all of the above

9.(m/c) Before the Civil War, the American economy was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -based economy.

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

10.(m/c) All of the following were consequences of the post-WWII economic boom for people in the U.S.EXCEPT:

a. high paying blue collar jobs in the auto industry. b. high paying jobs in weapons production.

c. high paying white collar jobs in advertising. d. over 60% of American middle class.

e. none are exceptions

11.(m/c) Since the mid-1970s, the American economy has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - based economy..

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

12.(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. mergers e. none are exceptions

13.(m/c) In a democracy, the citizens are responsible when the country goes to war, so it is important that the press:

a. informs the public. b. pursues the truth. c. supports the government no matter what. d. a and b

e. all of above

14.(m/c) All of the following were true about the “ Saving Private Lynch” story EXCEPT:

a. based on a single anonymous Pentagon official. b. reported in one newspaper and then picked up by others.

c. an example of how the media can be used by the government. d. it was propaganda.

e. none are exceptions

15.(t/f) Pre-War coverage by the corporate media, except the liberal NY Times and Washington Post, adopted the Bush Administration position on Iraq.

16.(t/f) According to your professor, the toppling of the statue of Saddam Hussein was an example of how the U.S. was greeted as liberators.

17.(m/c) All of the following stories were not good for the corporate media’s coverage of war as entertainment EXCEPT:

a. white phosphorus b. depleted uranium c. mercenaries d. civilian deaths e. none are exceptions

18.(t/f) According to your professor, “balance,” also called “objectivity,” or interviewing representatives from both sides of an issue is the best way for the new to inform the American public.

19.(m/c) According to the text, the poorest minority in the U.S. are:

a. Asian Americans b. African Americans c. Native Americans d. Latino Americans

20.(t/f) Corporations downsized, also called “right sized,” in the 1990s because they were not doing well and had to cut costs.

21.(t/f) One consequence of the changing U.S. economy has been a four hundred per cent increase in the use of temporary workers hired through companies like Manpower.

22.(t/f) San Diego’s economy is a good example of an economy that still produces mainly hi-tec and therefore high paying jobs.

23.(t/f) The good thing about service sector jobs is that he majority of jobs (McJobs) today pay more in real wages than the blue collar manufacturing jobs of the 1950s.

24.(m/c) Professor Semm had a job working on an assembly line that manufactured \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. cars b. kitchen appliances c. kitchen cabinets d. televisions e. computers.

25. (t/f) A consequence of off shoring is a shrinking tax base for communities. A consequence of a lower community tax base is less revenue for schools, roads, and parks in the effected communities.

26.(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

27.(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

28.(m/c) All of the following are examples of the downward mobility of the middle class in the U.S. EXCEPT:

a. increase in bankruptcies. b. increase in household and credit card debt.

c. increase in auto repossessions. d. increase in foreclosures. e. none are exceptions

29.(m/c) Because of the transformation of the economy, more and more people are working a second job. This is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. a. second shift b. moonlighting

30.(m/c) According to the documentary “Foreign Service,” what are the types of jobs that are **more recently** being exported to other countries?

a. manufacturing b. financial services c. technology d. b and c e. all of the above

31.(m/c) According to the documentary “Foreign Service,” most of the above jobs are being sent to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. Malaysia b. Singapore c. Vietnam d. India e. Indonesia

32.(m/c) Full-time working women still do an average of twenty-seven hours of domestic labor. This is called

a. moonlighting b. second shift

33.(t/f) More and more corporations are moving their production facilities to China because China has an abundance of labor and pays the lowest wages in the world.

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

a. $18,000 b. $22,000 c. $28,000 d. $31,000 e. $34,000

35.(m/c) The formula for establishing the poverty line in the U.S. is \_\_\_ times the cost of a minimal subsistence diet.

a. 2 b. 3 c. 3 d. 4 e. 5

36.(m/c) According to your professor, the poverty rate in the U.S. continues to increase because welfare (government assistance for the poor) is so generous and qualifying for it is so easy.

37.(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

38.(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

39.(t/f) In recent years the number of people who are working and are still below the poverty line has increased.

40.(t/f) The U.S. has the lowest rate of poverty of any industrial country and offers the most social service programs, e.g., health care, job training, low income housing.

41.(t/f) Americans of all classes and races have a longer life expectancy and a lower infant mortality rate than people of any other country.

42.(t/f) The poor and minorities are more likely to suffer the more extreme effects of communicable diseases.

43.(t/f) Obesity is increasing in both children and adults in the U.S.

44.(m/c) Only one state in the U.S. has mandatory physical education and only for one day a week. It is:

a. California b. New York c. Illinois d. Ohio e. Oregon

45.(m/c) Which of the following is nota **social** **factor** that contributes to the poor health of Americans?

a. working more hours b. more hours commuting c. lack of exercise d. poor diet

e. genetic disposition to disease

46 (t/f) Each day 200,000 people are made sick by contaminated food.

47.(m/c) One study showed that junk food companies spent \_\_\_\_\_\_ per year advertising to children.

a. $500 billion b. $5 billion c. $10 billion d. $12 billion e. $15 billion

48. (m/c) A public health approach to health care tries to identify and correct the social and environmental causes of disease with the goal of preventing disease. All of the following are examples of a public health approach EXCEPT:

a. sewage treatment b. improved medical diagnostic technology c. water treatment

d. street cleaning e. standards for food

49.(m/c) A public health approach to health care is not pursued in the United States because:

a. It is not profitable. b. It would be a cost to corporations.

c. It is ineffective in dealing with the problem of disease. d. a and b e. all of the above

50.(m/c) The US health care system is ranked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the World Health Organization.

a. first b. fifteenth c. twenty-sixth d. thirty-seventh e. forty-eighth

51.(m/c) All of the following are true about the American health care system EXCEPT:

a. over 40 million Americans have no health care.

b. over 50 million Americans are underinsured.

c. a “black market” in health care exists for the poor, and “boutique” health care exists for the rich.

d. the high cost of medical care is directly related to the high profits within the industry.

e. none are exceptions

52. (m/c) We watched which “direct to consumer” (DTC) drug commercials in class?

a. Celebrex and Ambien b. Prozac and Paxil c. Nexium and Zyrtec

53.(m/c) Drug companies want all of the following EXCEPT:

a. less regulation by the Food and Drug Administration.

b. public funding (government subsidies) for research and development.

c. government regulation of drug prices. d. patent extensions. e. Direct To Consumer drug commercials.

54.(m/c) The United States and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are the only two countries that allow DTCs.

a. France b. Canada c. Australia d. New Zealand e. England

55.(m/c) All of the following are “strategies of undercare” EXCEPT:

a. low staffing. b. exclusion of preexisting conditions from coverage.

c. not offering specialists in certain areas. d. longer periods of hospitalization e. none are exceptions

56.(t/f) Drug companies spend as much on advertising and marketing as they do on research and development.

57.(m/c) The health care industry does all of the following in pursuit of its interests EXCEPT:

a. contribute to politicians’ campaigns through bundling and PACs

b. spend millions of dollars on lobbying. c. fund trade groups like PHARMA

d. create front groups like Citizens for Better Medicare e. none are exceptions

58. (m/c) In the NAFTA Mike video, the displaced auto worker was doing what at the end?

a. He had gotten his job back but in a maquiladora. b. He was a street vendor competing with Mexican vendors.

c. He went back to the U.S. and got a job at Taco Bell. d. he joined the Zapatistas in order to fight globalization

59.(m/c) According to “Supersize Me,” \_\_\_\_\_\_% of America’s adult population are overweight and obese.

a. 25 b. 33 c. 50 d. 60 e. 73

60.(m/c) According to “Supersize Me,” the fattest state in the U.S. is:

a. Louisiana b. Virginia c. Montana d. Mississippi e. Illinois

61.(m/c) According to “Supersize Me,” each day one in \_\_\_\_\_\_ Americans eats at a fast food restaurant.

a. two b. three c. four d. five e. ten

62.(t/f) According to “Supersize Me,” if current trends continue 1 of 3 children in the U.S. will develop diabetes in their lifetime.

63.(m/c) The Seven Eleven Double Gulp is:

a. two pints b. quart c. 36 oz d. half gallon e. gallon

64.(t/f) All of the children being shown pictures in Superzize Me could identify both Jesus and Ronald McDonald.

65.(t/f) According to Super Size Me, most schools do not develop a nutritious food program because it would cost much more than outsourcing their food program to corporations like Sodexho.

49.(t/f) Marriage is still popular in America. This is supported by the fact that 90% of the present population

will get married. This is the highest marriage rate of any industrialized country.

50.(t/f) In surveys more men than women think that marriage is necessary for happiness.

51.(t/f) The group that reports the highest level of happiness are married women who do not work and have

children ( aka “stay at home moms”)

52.(t/f) The present rate of divorce in America for first time marriages is 1 out of 2. The divorce rate for second

marriages is even higher.

53.(m/c) All of the following are social factors that make marriage a complex institution EXCEPT:

a. expectations of happiness through romantic love b. expectations of achieving the American dream

c. complex power relationship d. home as a place that requires daily labor e. none are exceptions

54.(t/f) Married people are healthier and live longer than single and divorced people.

55.(m/c) Which of the following is the main reason that married couples argue?

a. money b. children c. housework d. infidelity e. remote control

56.(m/c) Which of the following is the factor that correlates most directly with divorce?

a. children b. teen marriages c. working class d. poverty e. infidelity

57.(m/c) According to sociological studies most enduring marriages are

a. conflict habituated b. Erickson intimacy model c. utilitarian

58.(t/f) Women with graduate or professional degrees have the lowest rates of divorce for women.

70.(m/c) Tax evasion and embezzlement are classified as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crime.

a. corporate crime b. organized crime c. white collar crime

d. political crime

71.(m/c) In surveys the public consistently cites crime as a significant social problem. All of the following are reasons for this EXCEPT:

a. Excessive coverage of crime by the corporate news media, “if it bleeds, it leads.”

b. Entertainment television’s emphasis on crime shows like CSI, Law and Order, and Cops.

c. Politicians emphasizing crime and how tough they will be fighting.

d. The long term continuing increase in murder and violent crime.

e. none are exceptions

72.(m/c) According to the Annenberg Study (television viewing, crime, and violence), television viewers:

a. are more likely to be anxious, angry, and afraid.

b. are more likely to take protective measures: guns, dogs, security systems.

c. are more likely to support harsh punitive measures for criminals: three strikes, mandatory sentencing, death penalty

d. b and c e. all of the above

73.(t/f)) The US has a larger percent of its population incarcerated than any other country.

74.(m/c) Which of the following is true about crime, trends in crime in the U.S., and comparison with other countries?

a. Violent crime rates are higher in the U.S. than in any other industrial country.

b. Officially reported crime (Uniform Crime Report) usually overestimates crime in the U.S.

c. Police spend the majority of their time investigating violent crimes, like murder, robbery, and rape.

d. all of the above

75. (m/c) All of the following parts of the criminal justice system are biased in favor of conviction for “street crimes” EXCEPT:

a. judges b. district attorneys c. juries d. none are exceptions

76.(m/c) Since 1976 \_\_\_\_\_ people have been exonerated for murder and rape.

a. 13 b. 25 c. 50 d. 133 e. 175

77.(m/c) All of the following are reasons that innocent people have been sentenced to death in the US EXCEPT:

a. police and prosecutorial misconduct, which includes manufacturing and/or falsifying evidence.

b. confessions that were coerced.

c. testimony from jail house snitches who received reduced sentences for their testimony.

d. none are exceptions

78.(m/c) The “Sixty Minutes” story on capital punishment examined the problem of wrongful conviction in what state?

a. Illinois b. Texas c. Virginia d. Alabama e. Louisiana

79.(m/c) All of the following are problems that poor defendants can or have faced in the criminal justice system EXCEPT:

a. public defenders with too many cases and limited resources. b. incompetent court appointed attorneys

c. contract attorneys that benefit financially from plea bargaining d. none are exceptions

80.(m/c) Wal-Mart violated all of the following labor laws EXCEPT:

a. time card fraud b. forcing employees to work off the clock overtime

c. using illegal immigrant labor d. none are exceptions.

81.(m/c) Michael Moore’s corporate crime fighting mascot is:

a. Greedy the Gorilla b. Homer the Hog c. Crackers the Chicken

82.(m/c) The Michael Moore video exposed corporate crime in what company?

a. Nike b. Toys R Us c. Disney d. GE e. Microsoft

83.(m/c) Which of the following are ways that corporate crime is treated differently than “street crime?

a. Corporate crime is usually tried in civil court or in a regulatory hearing vs. criminal court for “street crime”.

b. Gag orders allow corporate criminals to continue committing their crime.

c. Tort reform which limits corporate financial liability vs. three strikes laws for “street crimes.”

d. all of the above

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Match the corporate crime to the example of the corporate criminal that was given in class.

Crime Criminal

84. Knowingly selling dangerous and defective products a. Monsanto

85. Knowingly exposing workers to dangerous and b. Ford Firestone, Merck

hazardous conditions

86. Knowingly polluting the environment with PCB’s c. WR Grace

87. Human rights violations d. Unocal, Shell, Texaco

88. Corporate fraud e. Merill Lynch, Arthur Andersen

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89.(m/c) All of the following are consequences of the “war on drugs” EXCEPT:

a. decreased illegal drug use b. corruption and violence c. social costs of disease

d. political disenfranchisement for many African-Americans e. none of the above are exceptions

20.(t/f) The reason property tax is the main form of funding for K-12 in the U.S. is because it guarantees equality of funding for students in all school districts.

21.(t/f) According to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Rodriguez v San Antonio, the U.S. Constitution guarantees equality of education.

22.(t/f) According to your professor, education in the U.S. is a meritocracy.

23.(m/c) In which of the following ways does education act as a gatekeeper in American society?

a. selection of certain knowledge and ideas for exclusion or inclusion b. ability grouping and tracking

c. socialization of groups into different norms d. a and b e. all of the above

24.(m/c) The Bush education policy called No Child Left Behind is based on the “miracle” in what city?

a. Dallas b. Austin c. Houston d. Ft. Worth

25.(m/c) No Child Left Behind emphasizes all of the following EXCEPT:

a. evaluating schools, teachers, principals and students on performance.

b. standardized testing as means of evaluation.

c. earning promotion from one grade to the next..

d. adequate funding for success. e. none are exceptions

26.(m/c) All of the following are consequences for underfunded schools and their students EXCEPT:

a. less qualified teachers b. inadequate resources c. larger classes

d. decreased drop out rates e. none are exceptions

27.(m/c) Which of the following are factors related to poverty and poor educational performance?

a. Poor children are more likely to be hungry. b. Poor children are more likely to be sick.

c. Poor children have less resources at home. d. a and b e. all of above

28 (t/f) Your professor believes that under educating poor and minority students is the real function of our educational system because it creates uneducated and unskilled workers to take the McJobs our economy is producing.

29.(t/f) In California, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per cent of K-12 teachers quit within five years.

a. 10 b. 25 c. 30 d. 40 e. 50

30.(m/c) Which of the following is (are) true about higher education in America?

a. The cost has increased significantly in the last ten years.

b. Students are more dependent on loans than grants.

c. Student debt has increased. d. a and b e. all of above

31.(m/c) To meet funding shortfalls, universities have had to adapt. This has included which of the following:

a. fewer classes b. larger classes c. increased tuition d. b and c e. all of above

52.(t/f) Since World War II the trend has been that more civilians are killed in war than combatants.

53.(m/c) At the time the lecture was given, the number of American soldiers killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom was\_\_\_\_\_\_,

a. 1754 b. 2435 c. 3911 d. 4180 e. 4751

54.(t/f) US military casualties in the first Iraq War turned out to be significantly lower than first reported.

55.(t/f) The only independent scientific study done on Iraqi deaths during the current Iraq war estimates that over a million Iraqis have been killed as a result of the war.

56.(m/c) Civilians can be killed after a war ends by which of the following?

a. unexploded cluster bomblets b. depleted uranium c. land mines d. b and c e. all of the above

57.(t/f) The U.S. military budget accounts for over half of the government’s entire discretionary budget.

58.(t/f) According to the Base Structure Report, the U.S. has over 700 military bases in more than 100 countries.

59.(m/c) Which of the following are reasons that the violence in Iraq has temporarily decreased?

a. The Surge b. Completion of the ethnic cleansing of neighborhoods

c. U.S. paying Sunni insurgents to fight Al Qaeda d. a and c e. all of above

60.(m/c) Which of the following could be considered *blowbac*k from the US war on terror in Afghanistan and Iraq?

a. Increased opium production in Afghanistan. b. Increase recruiting of terrorists in Iraq

c. Increasing global anti-American opinion d. a and c e. all of the above

61.(m/c) All of the following are examples of democracy being the first casualty of war EXCEPT:

a. Sedition Act of 1917 b. EO9066 c. COINTELPRO d. USA Patriot Act e. none are exceptions

62.(t/f) Historically, the government of the U.S. has used its expanded power during war only to capture enemy spies and Americans who have committed treason.

63.(m/c) The Great Writ is protected in which of the following Amendments?

a. Fourth Amendment b. Fifth Amendment c. Sixth Amendment d. a and b e. all of above

64.(m/c) The Department of Defense can not account for ( has lost) approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

a. $250 billion b. $500 billion c. $750 billion d. $1 trillion e. $2 trillion

65.(m/c) Which of the following violate the Bill of Rights?

a. secret trials b. free speech zones c. elimination of habeus corpus

d. a and c e. all of above

56.(m/c) All of the following are reasons corporate crime does not have the same stigma as “street crime” EXCEPT:

a. the media doesn’t cover it the same way.

b. politicians serve corporate interests: they don’t emphasize corporate crime as a political issue.

c. corporations have the financial resources to fight the criminal label, either through advertising or with corporate lawyers.

d. corporate crime doesn’t take as high a toll - death and cost- on American society.

e. none are exceptions

57.(m/c) The “War on Drugs” costs approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per year ( not counting its share of the prison system).

a. $10 billion b. $20 billion c. $30 billion d. $40 billion e. $50 billion

59.(m/c) Which of the following would be eliminated by decriminalizing drug use and treating it as a public health problem?

a. black market b. increasing prison population

c. racially biased arrest and sentencing for drug crimes d. a and b e. all of the above