Exam #2: Fall ‘08

1. (m/c) Recent estimates for the cost of the Iraq War to American tax payers is:

a. $16 billion b. $501 million c. $2 trillion d. $3 trillion e. $4 trillion

2.(m/c) According to the Daily Show excerpt that we viewed in class about education in Texas, the reason for Texas being 47th in education was:

a. sexy cheerleaders b. inadequate funding c. high poverty rates

d. preoccupation with football e. none of above

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

a. agriculture b. manufacturing c. hunting d. fishing

4.(m/c) All of the following are the real reasons for the deindustrialization of the American economy EXCEPT:

a. automation b. off shoring c. declining corporate profits

d. mergers e. none are exceptions

5.(t/f) According to the text, NAFTA is a trade agreements that limits the flow of goods across borders in order to protect American workers from unfair competition in Mexico and Canada.

6.(t/f) According to the text, wages in the new service sector (McJobs) of the economy tend to be higher in real dollars than those previously paid in the manufacturing sector (blue collar).

7.(t/f) According to the text, the biggest problems with labor in the U.S is unmotivated, unwilling, lazy workers who are not competitive with workers in other countries.

8. (t/f) One consequence of off shoring is a shrinking tax base for communities. Therefore, there is less revenue for schools, roads, and parks in communities.

9.(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 of advancement e. increased job security

10.(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

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

12.(m/c) Which of the following are strategies that the middle class families adopt to avoid “downward mobility”?

a. moonlighting b. married women in the workforce c. home equity loans

d. a and b e. all of the above

13.(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

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

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

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

a. $12,000 b. $20,000 c. $25,000 d. $30,000 e. $35,000

16.(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

17.(t/f) All of the following are problems with the poverty line formula EXCEPT:

a. it overestimates the number of poor b. it should be 7 times the cost of a minimal subsistence diet.

c. a minimal subsistence diet is not adequate d. it is calculated before taxes e. none are exceptions

18.(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

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

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. no social promotions

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 goal of our educational system because it creates uneducated and unskilled workers to take the McJobs our economy is producing.

29.(t/f) In California, fifty-percent of K-12 teachers quit within five years.

30.(m/c) Which of the following is 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

32.(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.

33.(m/c) Which of the following is ***not***  a 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

34. (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

35.(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

36.(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

37.(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

38.(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

39. (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

40.(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.

41.(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

42.(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. requiring patients to stay in the hospital longer.

e. none are exceptions

43.(t/f) According to “Supersize Me,” 60% of America’s population are overweight and obese.

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

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

45.(t/f) According to “Supersize Me, each day one in four Americans eats at a fast food restaurant.

46.(m/c) According to “Supersize Me, McDonalds can be found at all of the following places EXCEPT:

a. airports b. universities c. hospitals d. Wal\*Marts e. none are exceptions

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

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

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

49. (t/f) According to “Supersize Me, Chicken McNuggets are actually better for you because they are processed. The process eliminates anything unhealthy in the chicken.

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

51.(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.

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. 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 (direct expenditures) accounts for over half of the government’s 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?

a. The Surge b. Completion of ethnic cleansing c. paying Sunni insurgents to fight Al Qaeda

d. a and c

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 in recruiting 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 abused its power during war only to capturet 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

48.(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.

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

50.(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”)

51.(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.

52.(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

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

54.(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

55.(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

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

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

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

58. (m/c) All of the following are true about violence towards women in our society EXCEPT?

a. One in three women will be assaulted by her husband or domestic partner.

b. Abuse is the leading cause of injury to women 15-44 years of age.

c. Abuse begins frequently in a young girl’s teenage years.

d. Women usually provoke violence.

e. Thirty per cent of murdered women are murdered by their husband or intimate partner.

59.(m/c) Which of the following is NOT a major social factor in spousal abuse?

a. alcohol and drug abuse b. severe psychological disorders c. social isolation

d. intergenerational transmission e. pregnancy

60.(m/c) All of the following are social factors directly correlated to child abuse EXCEPT

a. demanding parents b. alcohol abuse c. intergenerational transmission

d. financial strain e. none are exceptions

61.(t/f) Half of divorced women with child custody receive nothing for child support.

62.(m/c) The Daily Show that dealt with same-sex relationships in the animal kingdom focused

primarily on: a. monkeys b. penguins c. lemurs d. polar bears e. weasels

63.(m/c) “When people like this marry, they cannot possibly have any progeny. And such a fact

sufficiently justifies those laws which forbid their marriages.” This was said of:

a. interracial marriages b. same-sex marriages

64.(t/f) According to “Supersize Me, McDonald’s uses the term “user” to refer to its more frequent customers.

65. (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 workers.

c. He went back to the U.S. and got a job at Taco Bell.

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

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

d. political crime

52.(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

53.(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

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

55.(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

56. (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

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

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

58.(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

59.(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

60.(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

61.(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.

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

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

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

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

64.(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

65. Knowingly selling dangerous and defective products a. Monsanto

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

hazardous conditions

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

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

69. Corporate fraud e. Merill Lynch, Arthur Andersen

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70.(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

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