

FINAL EXAM

Sociology 102 - Social Problems

Name _____

Instructions: Please carefully read and answer all of the questions. Choose the *best* answer and circle the letter next to it. (3 pts)

- 1) In the last 20 years violent crime in the US has...
 - a. Increased
 - b. Decreased
 - c. Stayed about the same
 - d. Not been a problem

- 2) In the same time period arrests for violent crime have
 - a. Increased
 - b. Decreased
 - c. Stayed about the same
 - d. Ceased

- 3) Most drug users in the US are
 - a. White
 - b. Black
 - c. Asian Americans
 - d. Hispanics

- 4) Incarceration rates in the US are highest for
 - a. Whites
 - b. Blacks
 - c. Asian Americans
 - d. Hispanics

- 5) Which best describes the US healthcare system in relation other countries?
 - a. Most expensive and best quality
 - b. Most expensive and lower than expected quality
 - c. Not expensive and best quality
 - d. Not expensive and lower than expected quality

- 6) Which of the following statements is most accurate
 - a. About 20 million Americans have no health insurance
 - b. Most Americans have inadequate health insurance
 - c. 45 Million Americas are uninsured and many more are underinsured
 - d. Almost all Americans have adequate health insurance

- 7) According to the article we read in class problems in the American Healthcare system are caused by
- Poor preventative care
 - Lack of health insurance
 - High cost of pharmaceuticals
 - All of the above
- 8) How are public schools funded in the U.S.
- Only on federal funds
 - Only on Local Taxes
 - Primarily on federal funds with some local taxes
 - Primarily on Local taxes with federal funds based on performance
- 9) According to the “No Child Left Behind” act...
- Schools who don’t meet minimum standards on standardized tests lose their federal funding
 - Schools who don’t meet minimum standards on standardized tests get federal funding to correct problems.
 - Schools who don’t meet minimum standards on standardized tests are required to provide tutors for failing students.
 - Schools who don’t meet minimum standards on standardized tests are required to send teachers to get more training.
- 10) Schools that consistently do poorly on national standardized tests and have high dropout rates often have especially high numbers of
- Lazy students
 - Poor students of color
 - Students from suburban communities
 - None of the Above
- 11) A system that results in the valuing Masculine things more than feminine things is called...
- Patriarchy
 - Racism
 - Sex Gender System
 - Compulsive heterosexuality
- 12) A social system that values heterosexuality over all other sexual orientations and preferences is considered to be...
- Homophobic
 - Sexist
 - Heterosexist
 - None of the above

- 13) In the article “Homosexuality and American Citizenship” Micheal Bronski says that the “dominate cultures fear of homosexuality” is NOT irrational because...
- He thinks gays are bad and shouldn't be allowed citizenship
 - He thinks accepting gays undercuts historically supported gender inequalities and challenges sexist/heterosexist assumptions
 - He thinks that homophobia is an illness and therefore not irrational
 - He things gays and lesbians are dangerous
- 14) Women in the US make an average of ____ for every doller made by a man.
- \$0.50
 - \$0.77
 - \$0.96
 - \$1.05
- 15) According to the author of “Selling Women Short” women often make less than men doing the same job on Wall Street because...
- They don't work as hard
 - They aren't willing to do dangerous work
 - They take more vacations
 - They are considered to be less reliable then men.
- 16) Which of the following might be linked to women making less money than men as a national average
- High rates of women in poverty
 - Single mothers make less than single fathers
 - Mothers are more likely to quit their jobs in a two income home than are fathers
 - All of the above
- 17) According to the film and reading domestic violence in the US is caused in large part by...
- A popular culture that legitimates violence
 - Sick or mentally ill abusers
 - Sick or mentally ill victims
 - No such problem exists in the US.
- 18) The divorce rate in the US is about...
- 50%
 - 62%
 - 41%
 - 28%

- 19) Stephanie Coontz suggests the best way to deal with the problems caused by divorce is to
- Make divorce harder to obtain
 - Set up clear rules and norms about the process
 - Make marriages harder to obtain
 - Set up strict laws about the process
- 20) According to Bergmann and Helburn in our reading, childcare in the United States is in crisis because...
- Too many parents work and should stay home with their kids instead
 - Childcare, in general, is inexpensive for parents but the quality is low
 - Overall childcare is both expensive for families and often of poor quality
 - There is not enough available childcare because federal regulations are too strict.
- 21) According to the authors of our reading on childcare what is the best solution for the US childcare crisis?
- Higher wages for fathers so mothers can stay home and care for kids
 - Less regulation for childcare providers to allow for more independent childcare providers
 - Mandatory childcare provisions by employers for the families of their workers
 - A national childcare program that would subsidize childcare and provide stricter controls on the safety and quality of childcare.
- 22) The author of the article "Corporation as Invisible Government" argues that...
- The democratic rights of US citizens are protected from the government but not from corporations
 - The democratic rights of US citizens are protected from corporations but not from the government
 - Corporations are legally obligated to make policies that protect individual rights for its employees
 - Corporations follow the same laws and restrictions about individual rights as those that limit government interference in personal matters.
- 23) Charles Reich, the author of "Corporation as Invisible Government" is mostly likely to agree with which of the states regarding the current relationship between government and big business?
- The US governments controls and limits the power of corporations, to protect individuals
 - Elites control both government and business, thus allowing them to protect one another
 - The government, controlled by elites, takes away the rights of businesses and corporations
 - Individuals have individual rights that are respected and protected by both the government and corporate America.

- 24) Ecologically, the buildup of carbon dioxide that are known as “Greenhouse Gases” has already begun to result in
- a. Climatic aberrations and melting of polar icecaps
 - b. Changes in the migration patterns of South American songbirds
 - c. Polluted drinking water
 - d. Most scientists agree this is a natural part of the planetary cycle
- 25) According to the author of “Ecology for Money” the damage caused by corporations to the environment is a result of...
- a. Poor technology
 - b. Inept workers
 - c. Profit motives
 - d. None of the above

Short Answer Questions (5pts). Answer each question in a brief paragraph.

1) Is the War on Drugs effective in stopping drug use in America? Why or Why not?

2) What is the different between sex and gender? Explain why this matters to the study of social problems.

3) Discuss the factors that contribute to domestic violence rates in the US. How do systems of race, class and gender matter?

4) Consider the relationship between business, government and the environment discussed by Reich and Parenti (*Corporations as Invisible Government and Ecology for Money*). What social problems are tied to these institutions and what needs to be done according to the authors?

5) Based on everything you have learned throughout the semester, in your opinion, what is the most important social problem in the US? How can it be dealt with, if not solved?