

### II.3 Multiple-choice questions

1. The American economic system is based on *capitalism*. The basic characteristic(s) of capitalism are: (circle all that apply):
  - A) public ownership.
  - B) central planning.
  - C) private ownership. \*
  - D) pursuit of profit. \*
  - E) collective goals.
  - F) unfettered market competition. \*
2. American companies moved manufacturing jobs first to the South, and then overseas
  - A) because the weather is better.
  - B) to reduce labor costs. \*
  - C) because transportation is cheaper.
  - D) to be closer to raw materials.
3. According to the text, the problem with unskilled jobs in the service sector is that
  - A) they do not pay enough to support a family.
  - B) they do not provide benefits such as health care insurance and retirement plans.
  - C) they force people to be around fattening foods all day.
  - D) both a and b are problems in the service sector. \*
4. Which of the following statements about political contributions is NOT true?
  - A) The industries that spend the most on lobbying and campaign contributions include pharmaceuticals, insurance, and oil and gas.

- B) In the last several decades, special interest groups have increasingly focused on single-issue politics, such as gun rights or abortion.
- C) At the federal level, members of Congress and presidential administrations often move immediately from their government position to join lobbying firms. \*
- D) The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the government cannot restrict political contributions made by corporations. (true)
5. Which of the following groups are NOT likely to be adversely affected by new voter ID laws?
- A) poor people
- B) LGBTQ+ individuals\*
- C) older adults
- D) people with disabilities
- E) Democratic-leaning voters
6. When teachers try to be “color blind”
- A) children don’t learn the primary colors.
- B) children of all races benefit.
- C) children of color feel invisible. \*
- D) children learn to accept people of all races.
7. Which of the following statements is NOT true?
- A) The United States the only Western industrialized nation that still allows capital punishment.

- B) Scientific studies have demonstrated that the death penalty continues to be administered in a fashion that discriminates against poor people and African Americans
- C) Currently all states in the U.S. allow the death penalty (although some do not use it)\*
- D) Most executions occur in Southern states.

8. The social determinants of health include:

- A) economic stability
- B) education access and quality
- C) neighborhood and built environment
- D) social and community context
- E) health care access and quality
- F) All of the above \*

9. The Affordable Care Act includes all of the following provisions EXCEPT:

- A) Young adults can remain on their parents' insurance plan until they marry. \*
- B) Insurance companies can no longer drop someone's health insurance coverage if he or she becomes sick.
- C) Insurance companies cannot set a lifetime limit on coverage.
- D) There are restrictions on insurance companies imposing limitations for preexisting conditions.

10. Health care disparities were reduced by the Affordable Care Act for all of the following EXCEPT:

- A) People with activity-limiting disabilities and cognitive disabilities

- B) Racial and ethnic minorities\*
- C) Young adults between the ages of 19 and 25
- D) Low-income families

11. Transgender individuals are likely to experience health care disparities due to

- A) Not having health insurance
- B) Health plans having transgender-specific exclusions that deny coverage of some services
- C) Providers' lack of knowledge about how to provide appropriate care
- D) All of the above\*

12. People of color were disproportionately affected by the COVID–19 pandemic because they were likely

- A) to be employed in “essential” work settings with direct contact with the public.
- B) to not have paid sick days.
- C) to rely on public transit.
- D) to live crowded housing conditions.
- E) all of the above.\*

13. Civil religion

- A) focuses on polite discourse and respect for nonbelievers.
- B) is the form of religion that was practiced by the founding fathers of the United States.
- C) is a kind of mix of religion and politics. \*
- D) is the religion that is practiced by non-military personnel stationed overseas.

## II.4 Completion (fill-in-the blank) questions

1. The intense divisions between the supporters of the two major parties is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
(political polarization)
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is reluctant to make major changes. (political conservative)
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ promotes individual rights and civil liberties. (liberal)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ are written statements of principles developed at the national party conventions. (Party platforms)