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- **1.** The difference between Globalization 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 is
- (a) that Globalization 1.0 was the direct result of the Industrial Revolution, 2.0 the result of the Digital Revolution and 3.0, of the Agricultural Revolution.
- (b) none at all: they are different names for processes that occurred in the nineteenth century.
- (c) that Globalization 1.0 is exclusively a social phenomenon, 2.0 exclusively a political phenomenon and 3.0 exclusively a religious phenomenon.
- (d) none of the above.

2. Rodrik's trilemma

- (a) does not state that capitalism is the cause of climate change.
- (b) expresses the idea that outsourcing is the main cause of technological unemployment.
- (c) claims that the rise of China to a major economic and political power is, in historical perspective, inevitable.
- (d) None of the above
- 3. The political trilemma of the world economy is also known as
- (a) Moravec's paradox.
- (b) the Kuznets curve but not the Kuznets wave.
- (c) Jevons paradox.
- (d) None of the above

4. The Great Divergence

- (a) is the claim that human and artificial intelligence will necessarily diverge.
- (b) holds that most countries will never adopt a democratic political system.
- (c) can be viewed as the phenomenon complementary (or reverse) to the Rise of the West: as Western economies were the first to grow in per capita terms in a sustained way, the standard of living of the rest of countries necessarily diverged with respect to Western's.
- (d) None of the above

5. The Rise of the West

- (a) is unrelated to the fact that the Industrial Revolution occurred first in the West.
- (b) does not refer to the observation that economic inequality lowered during the Golden Age of capitalism (1945-75).
- (c) has completely nothing to do with the rise of the Western countries to global dominance.
- (d) None of the above

6. Which sentence is not false?

- (a) Moravec's paradox is true when the Kuznets curve is false.
- (b) Jevons paradox only holds when neoliberal economic policies are conducted.
- (c) There is evidence that the benefits of the most recent globalization process have not been evenly distributed among world income categories.
- (d) It is not true that two of the previous sentences are false.

7. According to the Malthusian view,

- (a) population tends to grow beyond the numbers that can be fed
- (b) there are no limits to population growth: more people is always the means to develop innovations to solve the problems created by population increases.
- (c) the ecological footprint of capitalism is just a statistical illusion based on spurious correlations.
- (d) average material prosperity at the world level has always increased continuously and will remain so in the foreseeable future.

- **8.** The convergence hypothesis contends that
- (a) economic inequality lowers within a country as the country becomes more hyperglobalized.
- (b) globalization will necessarily create a single, homogeneous, universal, Western human culture.
- (c) in terms of per capita income, poorer economies will eventually catch up with the richest economies.
- (d) None of the above

9. Development traps only occur when

- (a) Rodrik's trilemma is violated.
- (b) the Kuznets curve turns into a Kuznets wave.
- (c) the Jevons paradox endangers democracy.
- (d) None of the above

10. The resource curse thesis

- (a) is not known as the paradox of plenty.
- (b) is based on the identification of numerous instances in which a resource-rich economy fails to develop.
- (c) asserts that the whole world is not developed because the richer countries, by exploiting the poorer countries, tend to obtain the greater part of the benefits of globalization.
- (d) None of the above

11. The conflictual view of globalization

- (a) denies that globalization be like a zero-sum game.
- (b) does not regard globalization as an expression of the global struggle for wealth because, in this view, capitalism is exploitative of neither labour nor natural resources.
- (c) holds that globalization is always and everywhere a winwin process.
- (d) None of the above

12. The term 'Chimerica'

- (a) means that it is impossible for globalization to be symmetric, in the sense that its benefits are fairly distributed.
- (b) expresses the idea that globalization only generates benefits, never costs.
- (c) does not mean that China and the European Union are, in practice, a unique economy.
- (d) None of the above
- **13.** Which claim does not appear to be sustained by the empirical evidence?
- (a) In the last few centuries, global power has followed cycles in which different countries rise to global hegemony for a time to be next replaced by another one.
- (b) The world is facing problems of overpopulation, overconsumption, environmentally malign technologies and inequalities.
- (c) The most recent globalization process is accumulating economic power in the hands of relatively few multinational corporations.
- (d) None of the above

14. Which sentence is not true?

- (a) A critical view of globalization (expressed by Erik Reinert) contends that countries unable to emulate the richer ones will experience retrogression and primitivization.
- (b) The Washington consensus is a set of policy recommendations based on Marxian doctrine.
- (c) Neoliberalism is not an ideology predicting that the GRIN technologies (Genetics + Robotics + Internet + Nanotechnology) will cause a global economic collapse.
- (d) Skill-biased technical change tends to favour people with more human capital.

- **15.** The Belt and Road Initiative proposed in 2013 is a foreign policy project by
- (a) the United States.
- (b) neither India nor the European Union.
- (c) African countries.
- (d) None of the above
- **16.** The Lee hypothesis (after Lee Kuan Yew, 1923-2015, president of Singapore) states that
- (a) all civilizations eventually collapse due to the environmental deterioration they cause.
- (b) global markets create global tensions, which must be solved by national governments, not international organizations.
- (c) nondemocratic systems are better at bringing about economic development.
- (d) None of the above
- 17. There is an absolute consensus on the contention that
- (a) pro-market policies and reforms at the national level came first and globalization was the consequence.
- (b) globalization occurred first and that forced governments to adopt pro-market policies and reforms.
- (c) globalization is not a threat to the peace between states, because states never struggle for the control of natural resources.
- (d) None of the above
- 18. Today's global economy is for sure not shaped by
- (a) a stream of new technologies.
- (b) market competition at the international level.
- (c) weak organizations of global governance.
- (d) None of the above
- 19. The claim that development is necessarily ignited by elites
- (a) is known as the butterfly effect.
- (b) is a direct consequence of the existence of the polar tension belt.
- (c) is known as the 80/20 rule.
- (d) None of the above
- **20.** What is not false about the currently big four companies of the digital era (Facebook, Google, Apple, Amazon)?
- (a) They operate with substantially more employees that the big companies of the industrial era (such as Exxon Mobil, General Electric, Ford Motor Company).
- (b) In comparison with the big companies of the industrial era, they do not concentrate the economic benefits in a few hands.
- (c) The value per employee they generate is far smaller than the one generated by the big companies of the industrial
- (d) None of the above
- **21.** The myth of development refers to the fact that
- (a) societies collapse because the costs of investing in complexity to deal with social problems are each time higher.
- (b) the greater part of humankind continues to exist with low incomes, in poverty, technologically backward and governed by authoritarian regimes.
- (c) governments cannot on their own solve global problems and transnational enterprises are not interested in taking that responsibility.
- (d) None of the above
- **22.** The Seneca effect is a special case of
- (a) Rodrik's trilemma.
- (b) the environmental Kuznets curve.
- (c) the Little Divergence.
- (d) None of the above

- **23.** The 'tragedy of the commons' considered at the planetary level suggests that
- (a) economic inequality is desirable and inevitable.
- (b) without institutions of global governance, nature's services (clean air, drinkable water, stable climate, biodiversity) may be lost in the future.
- (c) the race between technology and education will lead to a technological singularity.
- (d) None of the above
- 24. Thomas Piketty's analysis of inequality
- (a) draws a parallelism (regarding the increase in economic inequality) between the present (after around 1980) and the Belle Epoque (1880-1914).
- (b) predicts the exhaustion of natural resources and a future population crash.
- (c) attributes the increase in inequality to climate change.
- (d) None of the above
- **25.** The fact that the current globalization process has partly deindustrialized the economies of developed countries
- (a) is called neoliberalism.
- (b) has contributed to drive down the wages of the industrial workers in the developed countries.
- (c) has led to the creation of the North-South gap.
- (d) None of the above
- **26.** Calling globalization an asymmetric process means
- (a) that only the rich countries benefit from globalization.
- (b) that only the poor countries benefit from globalization.
- (c) Richistan will cease to exist.
- (d) None of the above
- **27.** The main beneficiaries of globalization in the last two or three decades are exclusively
- (a) the richest 1% of the rich countries.
- (b) the poorest 10% of the poor countries.
- (c) the middle classes of the rich countries.
- (d) None of the above
- **28.** The arguably main factor in the decrease of economic inequality during the Golden Age of capitalism (1945-75) was
- (a) the development and extension of the national welfare state.
- (b) the globalization of finance.
- (c) technological unemployment.
- (d) None of the above
- **29.** The paradox of power
- (a) expresses the clash between national politics and hyperglobalization.
- (b) predicts that a global economy will suffer from recurrent economic crisis until institutions of global governance are established.
- (c) is related to the Matthew effect.
- (d) asserts that the more an economy grows, the more pressing its energy dilemma.
- **30.** Herman Daly's impossibility theorem asserts that
- (a) capitalism is not self-destructive: for every economic problem there is a perfectly implementable and affordable technological solution.
- (b) sustainable growth is impossible: growth necessarily deteriorates the environment.
- (c) the next production revolution will not stem from the confluence of technologies.
- (d) None of the above

Write your answers in MINUSCULE (lower case letter) in only ONE of the following tables

Use Table 1 if you give $\underline{at\ most\ one\ answer\ to\ each\ question}}\cdot Use\ Table\ 2$ if you want to give $\underline{two\ answers\ to\ some\ question}}$

Table 1

No answer: $+0 \cdot \text{Correct}$ answer: $+1 \cdot \text{Incorrect}$ answer: -1/3

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Table 2

No answer: $+0 \cdot \text{Only one}$ answer: if correct, +1; if incorrect, -1/3.

 $\underline{\text{Two}}$ answers: if one correct, +1/2; if none correct, -1/2.

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