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1. What is capitalism? What are the modes and forces of production in capitalistic societies?
2. What are the distinctive features of capitalism? Discuss them in details.
3. What are the forces that influenced the transition from feudalism to capitalism?
4. Discuss the early mercantilist ideas. How do they differ from the ideas of the late mercantilists.
5. International trade played one of the main roles in transition from feudalism and capitalism. Do you agree with this? Provide a detailed analysis.
6. If you have to define 3 main economic ideas before Adam Smith, what would they be? Define them and provide a detailed analysis.
7. What are the main ideas of the late mercantilism. Define them and discuss in detail.
8. Discuss the historical context of Adam Smith’s ideas.
9. What is Adam Smith’s value theory? Discuss it in detail
10. What is Adam Smith’s welfare theory? Discuss it in detail
11. What are Adam Smith’s theories of history and sociology? Provide a detailed analysis
12. According to Adam Smith, what are the stages of economic and social development of society?
13. According to Adam Smith, what role does property relationship play in economic development of society? Provide a detailed analysis
14. If you have to define 3 main ideas of Adam Smith what they would be? Provide a detailed analysis
15. What is the theory of absolute advantage? Provide a detailed analysis
16. What are the modes of production in feudalism and how they differ from the ones in capitalism?
17. Define and discuss the ideas of Adam Smith that contributed to the theory of international trade.
18. Discuss the role of the big cities and international trade in the transformation of societies from feudalism to capitalism.
19. What are the main critiques of Adam Smith theories? Define and discuss them in details.
20. Provide a detailed analysis of Adam Smith’s approach to international trade.
21. Discuss the main differences between early and late mercantilism.
22. Discuss Adam Smith’s view of capitalism. What are the distinguishing features of capitalism according to Adam Smith. Provide a detailed analysis.
23. The essence of Adam Smith’s theory of welfare. What are the main distinguishing features of this theory according to Adam Smith?
24. The essence of Adam Smith’s value theory. What are the main distinguishing components of this theory according to Adam Smith?
25. Discuss the issue of ownership of means of production in feudalism and how this ownership differs from the one in capitalism.
26. What is rationalistic subjectivism? Discuss its main ideas.
27. Discuss the economic ideas of Jeremy Bentham. What makes them different from the ideas of his predecessors?
28. What are the social origins of the premises of utility theory? Discuss them in details
29. What are the views of Jeremy Bentham on utility? Identify and discuss in details.
30. What are the views of Jean-Baptiste Say on Utility, Production and income distribution?
31. Discuss the legacy of Jean-Baptiste Say and identify the new ideas he brought to the economic theory.
32. What are the main ideas of Nassau Senior? Identify them and discuss.
33. What is the view of Senior on utility, prices and gluts?
34. Discuss Senior’s approach to theoretical methodology and identify his 4 propositions.
35. Why are the ideas of William Thompson and Thomas Hodgskin called the political economy of the poor? Provide a detailed explanation.
36. What the main ideas of William Thompson? How do they differ from the ideas of his predecessors?
37. Identify the main contributions of Thomas Hodgskin to the economic theory.
38. Historical context and the writings of Thompson and Hodgskin. Identify the main driving social forces of that time.
39. Thompson’s Utilitarianism and Labor theory of value. How does his approach differ from the approaches of Smith and Ricardo?
40. Discuss the Thompson’s argument for egalitarian and market socialism.
41. What is the main critique of Thompson’s ideas on market socialism?
42. What are the foundation and scope of Bastiat’s utilitarian Economics?
43. What are the main ideas of Bastiats and the historical context of their development?
44. Mill’s approach to utility. Discuss in details.
45. Mill’s theory of value. Discuss in details.
46. Marx’s critique of classical economics. Identify the main points.
47. What are the main contributions of Marx to the economic theory?
48. Marx’s approach to surplus value and exchange. Discuss in details.
49. What was Marx’s approach to the labor theory of value?
50. Marx’s approach to capitalism. Identify the main points.
51. Discuss Jevon’s theory of marginal utility and exchange.
52. What is the Menger’s theory of marginal utility, prices and income distribution.
53. Discuss Walra’s theory of general economic equilibrium.
54. Discuss the historical context which led to a triumph of utilitarianism in the middle of 19th century.
55. Veblen’s general evolutionary social philosophy. What are the main 3 ideas of this philosopy?
56. Analyze Veblen’s main critique of neoclassical economics.
57. What was an antagonistic dichotomy of capitalism according to Thorstein Veblen?
58. What was the historical context of Veblen’s writings?
59. Veblen’s ideas on class structure of capitalism and the domination of business over industry.
60. Assess Veblen’s ideas and identify 3 main weak points.
61. Theories of imperialism. Discuss the historical context of their development.
62. What are 3 main contribution of Hobson to economic theories?
63. What is Lenin’s approach to capitalist imperialism?
64. What are the main principal elements of neoclassical utilitarism? Discuss them in details.
65. What are the main critique of the idea of self-adjusting market?
66. “In neoclassical theory of economics depressions did not occur, so there was no need to remedy them.” Using the case of the Great Depression discuss whether this ideas is viable.
67. What is the theoretical setting and historical context of Keynes’s analysis?
68. What are the 3 main Keynes’s ideas of the general theory of employment, interest and money?
69. Discuss the Keynes’s defense of the marginal productivity theory of distribution.
70. Discuss the main ideas of Keynes’s analysis of capitalist depressions.
71. What are the main applications of Keynes’s theories towards politics? Why did they become ubiquitous in the middle of 20th century?
72. Contemporary Economics of post-keynesianism and the rise of institutionalism. What is the essence of institutionalist theory?
73. Discuss the main directions of development theories.
74. Discuss the role of institutions in the growth of a country.
75. The role of culture, geography and institution in the uneven distribution of wealth among the countries.