Exam Bank

Rocket Scientists’ Guide to Money and the Economy

Accumulation and Debt

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## Multiple Choice

1. According to the RSGME:
   1. Money is the root of all evil
   2. Money is labour abstracted
   3. Only bad people want money
   4. **Money is a more evolved form of barter**
2. Money
   1. Is an economic lubricant
   2. Is abstracted human labour
   3. Is fundamentally Social
   4. **All of the above**
   5. Only a) and b)
3. Which of the following is *not* a value associated with money:
   1. Labour value
   2. **Expected value**
   3. Exchange value
   4. Monetary value
4. An economy
   1. Is the formal exchange of labour
   2. Emerges out of human interaction
   3. Is designed to fulfill human needs
   4. **All of the above**
   5. All of the above except b)
5. A barter economy is an economy where:
   1. Money is exchanged for products
   2. Abstracted labour is exchanged for products and services
   3. **Products and services are exchanged for products and services**
   4. The root of capitalist society
6. Accumulation is:
   1. **The collection and storage of labour-exchange value**
   2. The reciprocal exchange of use-value
   3. The outcome of economic evolution
   4. An outgrowth of economic value
7. Which of the following is not a form of economy identified in the book.
   1. Underground economy
   2. Black market
   3. **Pirate economy**
   4. Informal economy
8. Which of the following has intrinsic value.
   1. Gold
   2. Money
   3. Bitcoin
   4. **None of the above**
   5. All of the above
9. The monetary value of money is a function of
   1. Its intrinsic value
   2. **Its labor-exchange value**
   3. Its overvalue
   4. Its gold value
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11. Power is:
    1. Something that you are born with
    2. The ability to command people’s labour
    3. Something that comes from accumulation
    4. All of the above
    5. **Only b) and c)**
12. In a barter-based economy:
    1. **There is a built in limit on how much we can accumulate**
    2. Economic trade is efficient
    3. You can accumulate as much labour power as you want
    4. The economic fabric is turned on its head
13. According to the book, one of the primary outcomes of accumulation is:
    1. The evolution of the human species
    2. **The concentration of power into the hands of a few**
    3. The devolution of the species
    4. Both b) and c)
14. *Equality of condition* helps ensure that
    1. People are not forced to do things that they don’t want to do
    2. Power does not enter into monetary relations
    3. Accumulation supersedes the social dynamic as a primary locus of interest
    4. All of the above
    5. Only a) and c)
15. The drive to accumulate.
    1. Destroys the environment
    2. Exalts inequality and injustice
    3. Drives global anger at injustice
    4. **All of the above**
16. The *intelligentsia* are:
    1. Critics of the System
    2. Often coopted by the elites and paid well in an effort to silence criticism.
    3. Honorary members of the I-BS-I society
    4. **All of the above**.
17. In the case of native Americans, indoctrination involved:
    1. **Dehumanization of native populations and manipulation of mass perception**
    2. Hollywood stereotypes and Disney song choices
    3. Prime time advertising and high value production
    4. Technological interventions aimed at undermining archetypal formations
18. Which of the following is not a method used to prolong the Regime of Accumulation
    1. Force
    2. Indoctrination /Perception Sanitation
    3. Debt
    4. **All of the above**
    5. Only a) and b)
19. According to the text, progress
    1. Is a sign of technological prowess
    2. Is beneficial for all humanity
    3. Is made possible by modern economic system
    4. **Is really about creating more efficient methods of accumulation**
20. Product differentiation, planned obsolescence, and advertising are all ways to
    1. Improve quality of life
    2. Improve product service
    3. **Increase the rate of accumulation**
    4. Lower labor costs
21. Scientific Management is a method of increasing accumulation by
    1. Deskilling workers
    2. Increasing worker surveillance
    3. Speeding up work
    4. **All of the above**
22. Which of the following **is not** a strategy used to cope with the monetary asphyxiation of the economy caused by accumulation?
    1. Austerity
    2. Deleveraging
    3. **Deindexing**
    4. Lending
23. When it comes to global economic apocalypse, which of the following is not a true statement.
    1. Economic apocalypse is the result of unfettered economic accumulation
    2. The Family can see the “big one” coming, but is helpless to do anything to stop it.
    3. **Consequences of the economic apocalypse will be largely confined to the economic spheres.**
    4. All of the Above
24. According to the book RSGME, Global debt has risen by \_\_\_\_\_\_ since the last crises and is being fueled by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ borrowing.
    1. 100 trillion, government, personal
    2. 100 billion, government, corporate
    3. **100 trillion, government, corporate**
    4. 100 billion, government, personal
25. Which of the following is not a solution to the debt crises proposed in RSGME
    1. Education
    2. **Liberation**
    3. Debt jubilee
    4. Spiritual transformation
26. According to RSGME, accumulation economies
    1. Develop productive and ethical distortions
    2. Destroy the environment
    3. Sacrifice children as slaves in factories
    4. **All of the above**
    5. Only a) and b)
27. According to Michael S., the belief that attachment is the cause of suffering is:
    1. A great piece of spiritual wisdom
    2. **An ideological diversion that directs attention away from accumulation**
    3. A core principle, suitable for grounding a global spiritual revolution
    4. None of the above
28. Notions of the alpha/male, alpha wolf
    1. Have been debunked by the academic responsible for coining the terms
    2. Are ideological props used to justify The System
    3. Are being kept in circulation by a university press that refuses to allow the author to revise his own work
    4. **All of the above**
29. In order to change values and set a new global direction, we need to
    1. Overcome hostile environments
    2. Challenge and replace corrupted spiritual/scientific archetypes and ideology
    3. Develop new ways of thinking
    4. **All of the above**
    5. Only a) and c)
30. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provide excuse and justification for violence and exploitation. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ remove the basis of exploitation and provide a foundation for authentic spirituality and humanistic action.
    1. **Old energy archetypes/new energy archetypes**
    2. Old energy activities/new energy activities
    3. Old energy prognostication/new energy vilification
    4. None of the above
31. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ suggests that the “Master Story” can be traced to a specific historical location, specifically ancient Mesopotamian and Egyptian paganism.
    1. Karl Marx
    2. Emile Durkheim
    3. **Harrold Ellens**
    4. Eugene Ruyle
32. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was a high level Freemason *and* author of the modern Tarot deck
    1. Bill Murray
    2. Cat Stephens
    3. **Arthur E. Waite**
    4. President Obama
33. According to Decker, Depaulis, and Dummet, the western tarot, the western tarot
    1. Is a devil’s picture book
    2. Is an Italian deck of cards
    3. **Is the most successful propaganda campaign ever launched**
    4. Is an archetypal deck of spiritual significance and import
34. According to Michael S., authentic spirituality is
    1. A self-delusion
    2. **Spirituality that leads to mystical experience**
    3. Spirituality that offers group membership and solidary
    4. A fiat of Richard Dawkins and Albert Einstein
35. Agents of Consciousness,
    1. Always work consciously to deceive
    2. **Sow and nurture old energy archetypes**
    3. Are involved primarily in intelligence testing
    4. Are similar to the infamous men in black
36. According to the text RSGME, Science has provided both the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that enables the imminent global economic implosion.
    1. **Technology, moral void**
    2. Motivation, personality
    3. Motivation, moral void
    4. Technology, research
37. In 1943, Abraham Maslow suggested that we humans have powerful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needs to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    1. Emotional, feel, empathize
    2. **Cognitive, know, understand**
    3. Emotional, feel, grow
    4. Emotional, expand, connection
38. The *Master Story*
    1. Arises from ancient Mesopotamian and Egyptian paganism
    2. Is a story about a cosmic battle between good and evil
    3. Has shaped the psychosocial assumptions of our cultures
    4. **All of the above**
    5. Only a) and b)
39. Which of the following is not a key element of the “Master Story.”
    1. Violence against others
    2. Good versus Evil
    3. Apocalyptic Conflict
    4. Authoritarian Gods
    5. **All of the above**
40. According to Albert Einstein,
    1. **Science was dependent on religion for devotion and direction while religion was dependent upon science for “purification” of the religious impulse**
    2. Science and religion where fundamentally and inevitably antagonistic and incompatible.
    3. Religion, if it was to be successful, had to acknowledge the empirical and veridical superiority of science
    4. All of the above
    5. Only b) and c)
41. A defensive and hostile posture that rejects the exploration of spirituality and mystical experience is untenable and ridiculous because
    1. Scientists do in fact believe in something more,
    2. Science and the “religious impulse” are compatible and part of the same drive,
    3. Time is running out and mysticism and authentic connection may be the best hope for humanity.
    4. **All of the above**
    5. None of the above
42. According to Michael S., control of religion and spirituality must be
    1. **Wrested from people who exploit it for their own venal interest**
    2. Put into the hands of the most exalted spiritual hierophants
    3. Reinforced it its current extant manifestation
    4. Put to good use for the betterment of humanity
43. Mirror neurons are
    1. **Neurons that fire when we observe the actions of another**
    2. Neurons that provide feedback on social presentability
    3. Neurons that control the percentage of adipose tissue in the body
    4. Neurons that fire when we look into a mirror, first thing in the morning
44. According to the text, Hollywood’s exploitation of the Master Story (i.e., cosmic violence, conflict, and struggle)
    1. Is profitable because of humanities inbred need for dialectical conflict
    2. **Is leading us down a path of devolution and destruction**
    3. Is weakened/attenuated by modern computer graphics
    4. IS a harmless vehicle of mass entertainment
45. According to the text, the primary problem
    1. War and Peace
    2. Ignorance and superstition
    3. **Confusion about the nature of money**
    4. Economic resublimalusion
46. Moving forward requires us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    1. Educate the population and model ascendant conscious
    2. Secure the support of at least some members of the Family
    3. Understand the true nature of money
    4. **All of the above**
    5. Only a) and c)

## True False

1. According to RSGME, the basic economic problem of this planet is that money is not fairly distributed.
   1. **True**
   2. False
2. Money is abstracted work/labor time.
   1. **True**
   2. False
3. The value of money is determined by consensus.
   1. **True**
   2. False
4. Money is the root of all evil.
   1. True
   2. **False**
5. The underground economy is also known as the black market
   1. **True**
   2. False
6. A monetized economy is an economy where exchange is primarily fueled by barter
   1. True
   2. **False**
7. An economy exists whenever people exchange things.
   1. **True**
   2. False
8. An economy requires money to function.
   1. True
   2. **False**
9. The most efficient form of economy is a barter economy.
   1. True
   2. **False**
10. Money is inherently social.
    1. **True**
    2. False
11. As an abstracted measure of labor time, money makes economic exchange more efficient, flexible, and fluid.
    1. **True**
    2. False
12. *Tulip Mania* demonstrates the fact that the labour/exchange value of money arises because of a collective agreement*.*
    1. **True**
    2. False
13. It is only when we agree that gold, paper, shiny rocks, or whatever are worth “something more” that they take on a **monetary value** over and above the value of the labor that went into producing them.
    1. **True**
    2. False
14. According to the book, all problems that are associated with money are easy to solve.
    1. True
    2. **False**
15. According to the text, there is something fundamentally wrong with the accumulation of labour.
    1. **True**
    2. False
16. Money is fundamentally social.
    1. **True**
    2. False
17. The only way to make raw accumulation palatable is to euphemize it.
    1. **True**
    2. False
18. The Law of Attraction (LOA) is an obfuscation of the real dynamic of accumulation.
    1. **True**
    2. False
19. According to the book, accumulation causes distortions in human nature and human activity.
    1. **True**
    2. False
20. Frederic Winston Taylor was critical of *scientific management.*
    1. True
    2. **False**
21. It is impossible to predict when the next economic crises will hit
    1. True
    2. **False**
22. According to the book, cyclic economic crises is the inevitable cost of accumulation.
    1. **True**
    2. False
23. Alan Taylor said “The historical record appears to present us with a rather inconvenient truth, namely that financial crisis are an optional outcome of modern finance capitalism.
    1. True
    2. **False**
24. IMF databases show that rising levels of debt are not associated with financial crises.
    1. True
    2. **False**
25. According to Beat Balzli and Michaela Schiessle, top economic authorities see the crises coming.
    1. **True**
    2. False
26. According to the book, educational effort must be framed by messages of global unity.
    1. **True**
    2. False
27. According to the book, if the planet’s ecosystem collapses, those with money will be saved.
    1. True
    2. **False**
28. According to Michael S., Buddhism is an example of a progressive spiritual system.
    1. True
    2. **False**
29. David Mech’s notion of the Alpha Male is grounded in solid scientific data.
    1. True
    2. **False**
30. Marx’s utopian vision included the requirement of **big government**
    1. True
    2. **False**
31. The concept of “Communist State” is a logical concept, and not an oxymoron.
    1. True
    2. **False**
32. Violence of all forms is supported by the provision of excuse. When we stop giving ourselves excuses, we stop accepting and participating in violence.
    1. **True**
    2. False
33. The biggest lie of our century is that opposition/struggle/strife causes human growth.
    1. **True**
    2. False
34. The dialectical theory of history is nothing more than a gussied up version of an ancient archetypal delusion.
    1. **True**
    2. False
35. Super hero-touting movies, popular literature, musicians, fundamentalist TV evangelists, and Marxists alike all propagate the same *master story.*
    1. **True**
    2. False
36. The ideology that justifies child abuse is the same ideology that justifies exploitive accumulation.
    1. **True**
    2. False
37. The Law of Attraction is the quintessential expression of human disconnection and lack of empathy.
    1. **True**
    2. False
38. According to Michael Sharp., mystical connection and authentic spirituality is the foundation for authentic value change
    1. **True**
    2. False
39. According to Michael Sharp., all religion is useless delusion
    1. True
    2. **False**
40. Albert Einstein flat out rejected the notion of mystical experience.
    1. True
    2. **False**
41. Over the past two decades, atheism has expanded significantly
    1. True
    2. **False**
42. Indoctrination involves teaching you to see the world in a way that encourages you to see The System as a good thing
    1. **True**
    2. False
43. Indoctrination works by negating the people’s suffering and turning it into a good thing.
    1. **True**
    2. False
44. According to scientific study cited in the book, mechanisms of emotion, empathy, attachment, and social functioning were seriously damaged by simple lack of physical contact in early infanthood.
    1. **True**
    2. False
45. According to the text RSGME, science is partly responsible for the imminent global economic implosion
    1. **True**
    2. False
46. According to the book, RSGME, healing is a simple function of releasing negativity and letting go of your “pain body”
    1. True
    2. **False**
47. If we want to transform the world, we need to stop hurting our children and start healing the people.
    1. **True**
    2. False
48. According to Michael Sharp., science has emptied the cosmos of spirituality, consciousness, and divinity and left a hopeless world of hopeless people who seem unable to do anything but stand and wait for the increasingly obvious and inevitable crash.
    1. **True**
    2. False
49. According to Michael Sharp., the way forward for science is to avoid discussions of consciousness/God and reassert materialism
    1. True
    2. **False**
50. According to Ecklund and Long, the majority of scientists at top universities are atheist
    1. True
    2. **False**
51. Einstein saw religion and science as fundamentally incompatible
    1. True
    2. **False**
52. According to the text, Google’s control of over 90% of search engine traffic is a threat to global democracy
    1. **True**
    2. False
53. According to Epstein and Robertson, Google may have influenced a recent election in India by influencing search engine results
    1. **True**
    2. False
54. According to Michael Sharp., the *giving pledge* is a band aid solution that does nothing but assuage guilt and leave the System in place as it is
    1. **True**
    2. False

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