ECON 184 Final Exam Review
Weds, May 20th, 10:15am-12:15pm

1. Please briefly define the job displacement rate and then contrast it to the unemployment rate.

2. What are three differences in recent corporate layoffs when compared to the past?

3. What are the four types of unemployment? Briefly describe them.

4. What are two additional indicators of how well a job market is functioning besides unemployment?

5. What is the nonstandard workforce?

6. List and briefly describe the four main categories of the nonstandard workforce.

7. What are some reasons behind the rise of the nonstandard workforce?

8. What are some consequences of being a member of the nonstandard workforce?

9. What is the largest growing segment of the self-employed labor force? Why?

10. What are some benefits of union membership?

11. What are some reasons that women are under-represented in union leadership positions?

12. According to one black Delta stewardess, why does Delta hire predominantly white stewardesses?

13. How are female stewardesses supposed to regard misbehaving passengers? Why has this strategy proven difficult in practice?

14. What are the seven policies that Hewlett recommends to help working mothers integrate into the workplace?

15. What are the initiatives that the private sector should pursue? How do they differ from public sector initiatives?

16. What are the economic reasons that marriage is encouraged?

17. What are some economic reasons behind the lower marriage rate in recent years? What are some reasons behind the higher divorce rate in recent years? Is there a relationship between them?

18. Who are the people who are cohabitating? Briefly describe their demographics. How do cohabitating couples differ from married couples?

19. What are some economic reasons behind lower fertility rates among the economically advanced countries?

20. List and briefly describe the factors that influence children’s outcome with respect to maternal employment.

21. What are the economic reasons why single parent families are worse off than two parent families?
22. What are some common reasons given for lack of child support payment?

23. What are Hewlett’s five steps to “having it all?”

24. How does Hewlett explain that children benefit their parents?

25. How does the federal government indirectly subsidize childcare?

26. Graphically show and briefly describe the relationship between women’s labor force participation rate and economic development.

27. According to the data discussed in class (and presented in your text), which country has the lowest female-male earnings gap? Which country has the lowest occupational segregation index?

28. Why might a country like Sweden have a low earnings gap but a high occupational segregation index?

29. What is a problem facing girls’ educational attainment? Why is this issue economically important?

30. The 1995 UN conference in Beijing, China addressed which issues?

31. Why is fertility a concern in the lesser developed countries? Why is fertility and population control specifically a problem for women?

32. What are some opportunity costs to the job application process that Ehrenreich lists?

33. How does Ehrenreich propose to re-vamp the poverty rate? What is her problem with the current poverty rate?

34. What is time-theft? How do businesses discourage time-theft?

35. According to Ehrenreich, how does Wal-Mart handle disgruntled employees?

36. What does Ehrenreich claim to have learned from working minimum-wage jobs?

37. According to Ehrenreich, why do employers not raise wages?

38. Based on Ehrenreich’s arguments, what makes the top 20% of Americans (income-wise) so important?

39. What reasons does Zeisler give for doubting the empowerment of “chick lit?”

40. According to Goode, why do men resist the feminist movement?

41. How would you describe the relationship between a madam and the prostitutes of her brothel? Give examples to support your description.