THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I   □   Semester II   □   Supplemental/Summer School   □

Examinations of December   □   /April/May   □   /July   □   2012

Originating Campus:   Cave Hill   □   Mona   □   St. Augustine   □

Mode:   On Campus   □   By Distance   □   Western Campus   □

Course Code and Title: GOVT 2007: Politics of the Caribbean

Date:   Wednesday, May 16, 2012            Time: 1:00pm

Duration:   2 Hours.            Paper No:

Materials required:

Answer booklet:   Normal   □   Special   □   Not required   □

Calculator:   Programmable   □   Non Programmable   □

Multiple Choice answer sheets:   numerical   □   alphabetical   □   1-20   □   1-100   □

Candidates are permitted to bring the following items to their desks: Pencil or pen, Ruler, ID card, Exam card

Instructions to Candidates: This paper has 2 pages & 7 questions. Candidates are reminded that the examiners shall take into account the proper use of the English Language in determining the mark for each response.

Students must answer one question from each section

SECTION I

1. Either
   (a) Compare and contrast human rights and human development in any two Anglophone Caribbean Territories.

Or
   (b) To what extent are human rights dependent on the UNDP’s notion of development?
2. Identify the ways in which post-independence constitutional and/or parliamentary reforms in any one Caribbean territory have changed the balance of power between the citizenry and their representatives.

Section II

3. Critically discuss the extent to which democracy and development are enhanced or undermined as a result of the competitive nature of acquiring political power in the Westminster political system in any one Anglophone Caribbean territory.

4. In examining the concept of good governance, evaluate the extent to which provisions are included to hold any of the institutions within civil society accountable to citizens of any one representative parliamentary democracy in the English speaking Caribbean.

5. "Migration has depleted poor Caribbean economies of valuable human Capital". Discuss the extent to which migration of the most highly skilled Caribbean citizens is inimical to the development of the region as a whole.

6. Critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the office of the Contractor General in Jamaica or the Ombudsman in any other Caribbean territory.

7. To what extent and why have CARICOM institutions been ineffective in preventing Caribbean governments from undermining their own environmental policies. Using illustrations from any one Caribbean territory, discuss the above in relation to coastal policies.

END OF QUESTION PAPER