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EXAMINATION OF MAY 2006

Code and Name of Course GT11A - Introduction to Political Institutions

Date and Time: Monday May 1, 2006. 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES: This paper has 2 page(s) and 8 questions.

Answer TWO questions; one from each Section

Candidates are reminded that the examiners shall take into account the proper use of the English Language in determining the mark for each response.

SECTION I

1. **EITHER:** Caribbean political culture has both positive and negative elements, perhaps the most negative elements being political tribalism and clientelism. What proposals would you make in order to remove these negative elements from the culture?

   **OR:** Jamaica’s first female Party President and Prime Minister has just been selected. Will this historic event by itself, bring about change in the political behaviour and participation of the Jamaican people?

2. Are political rights and civil liberties the only criteria that we can use to determine whether a state is democratic or not?

3. “Wider spy powers House OKs wiretaps without court order”, *The Gleaner, Wednesday, March 8, 2006*. Can a state enact legislation of this type to fight crime and remain a democracy at the same time?

4. The power of money is becoming a real threat to democracy in American government and politics. To what extent do you agree, or disagree with this statement?
5. To what extent has Tony Blair's democratic political reforms succeeded in Britain?

6. The Parliamentary system of government is more suitable than the Presidential system for Caribbean states. Critically discuss.

7. The Economist describes Mr. Putin's regime as becoming more authoritarian than democratic today. Is this a fair assessment of Post-communist Russia?

8. What type of programmes can the Caribbean state use to minimize the problems and benefit more from globalization today?

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