Course Code and Title: **GT11A – INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS (MONA)**

Date: Friday May 4, 2007.  
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Duration: 2 Hours.

Materials required:

- **Answer booklet:**
  - Normal
  - Special
  - Not required

- **Calculator:**
  - Programmable
  - Non Programmable

- **Multiple choice answer sheets:**
  - Numerical
  - Alphabetical
  - 1-20
  - 1-100

Auxiliary/Other material(s) - Please specify:

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Candidates are permitted to bring the following items to their desks:

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**Instructions to Candidates:** This paper has 2 pages & 8 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.

Answer TWO questions; one from each section

**SECTION 1**

1. **EITHER:** What factors have been the most important in changing Caribbean political behaviour and attitudes in recent years? Use specific examples from any number of Caribbean states to support your view.

OR: To what degree has political tribalism and corruption impacted upon Jamaican political culture since Independence?
2. Choose and justify your choices on what are the most important characteristics of democracy.

3. To what extent and in what ways could any Caribbean state restrict individual rights and freedoms to combat crime and corruption, yet remain a democracy at the same time?

4. Which is the most powerful force that shapes American politics and government; the power of money or the power of the people?

SECTION 11

5. Tony Blair’s government has instituted many historic political reforms in Britain since 1997. Critically assess this declaration.

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

7. Is post-communist Russia becoming more authoritarian under Mr. Putin’s presidency?

8. How can Caribbean states overcome the difficulties and secure more rewards from contemporary globalization?

END OF QUESTION PAPER