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EXAMINATION OF DECEMBER 2001

Code and Name of Course  GT11A—INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

Date and Time:  THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2001 – 1:00–3:00pm  Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES: This paper has 2 page(s) and 9 question(s)

Answer TWO questions.

1. Assess the ways in which advances in media technology have influenced change in the political culture of any one Caribbean territory.

2. Using illustrations from the Caribbean, to what extent are secondary agencies of socialization more influential than primary agencies?

3. EITHER:  (a) Using examples from the 2000 Presidential election, discuss the view that the political system in the United States is controlled by special interests.

OR:  (b) Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the American political system.

4. Examine the workings of the British parliamentary system. To what extent do reforms introduced by the Blair government enhance people rule?

5. Bearing in mind that democracy promotes people rule, compare and contrast the American political system with the Westminster parliamentary system practiced in any one Caribbean territory.

6. Indicate measures for constitutional reform which you would support for any Caribbean territory and state the reasons for your position.
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7. Does the office of the Prime Minister currently have too much power? What factors have shaped this position and its powers and constraints over time? Are changes needed? Use examples from any one Caribbean territory.

8. To what extent are post-communist political institutions in Russia more democratic than those that existed under communism?

9. EITHER:  (a) Present arguments for and against the introduction of the Caribbean Court of Justice.

    OR:  (b) Discuss the view that globalization and structural adjustment have undermined both the democratic process and the sovereignty of Caribbean states

END OF QUESTION PAPER.