The University of the West Indies

SEMESTER I  ☐  SEMESTER II  ☒  SUPPLEMENTAL/SUMMER SCHOOL  ☐

Examinations of December  ☐  / April/May  ☐  / July  ☐  20

Originating Campus:  Cave Hill  ☐  Mona  ☒  St. Augustine  ☐
Mode:  On Campus  ☐  By Distance  ☐

Course Code and Title:  GOVT1000/GT11A INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
Date:  Wednesday May 11, 2011  Time:  4:00-6:00PM
Duration:  Two Hours  Paper No:

Materials required:
Answer booklet:  Normal  ☐  Special  ☒  Not required  ☐
Calculator:  Programmable  ☐  Non Programmable  ☐
Multiple choice answer sheets:  numerical  ☐  cal  ☐  alphabet  ☐  1-20  ☒  100

Auxiliary/Other material(s) - Please specify:

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

Instructions to Candidates:  This paper has two pages & seven 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 Question 1 and one other question from Section 2

SECTION I

Either
(a) Using aspects of the political culture of any one Caribbean territory, critically examine the impact of the mass media on the political system. You are required to include data from public opinion surveys/polls.

Or
(b) To what extent and why is there a gap between Caribbean political culture and Caribbean political behaviour? Use illustrations from any one Caribbean territory. You are required to include data from public opinion surveys/polls.
2. Either
   (a) Using illustrations from either the Federal government or state governments, critically discuss the strengths and weaknesses of 'divided government' in the American political system.
   Or
   (b) The concept of 'divided government' is an impediment to good governance. Using illustrations from the American Political System, discuss the strength of this claim.

3. Either
   (a) Using examples from the United States and any one Westminster parliamentary democracy in Britain or the English-speaking Caribbean, identify the strengths and weaknesses of the Presidential and Parliamentary systems of government.
   Or
   (b) To what extent are legislatures in Parliamentary and Presidential systems mere instruments of party leaders. Illustrate with examples from either a Caribbean territory or Britain and the United States.

4. "Structural adjustment models of development have weakened both the independence and legitimacy of Caribbean states". Critically discuss using examples from any one Caribbean territory.

5. To what extent have Parliamentary and/or constitutional reforms strengthened the rights of the citizens vis a vis the units of power in any one territory in the Anglophone Caribbean.

3. Examine the view that insularity and parochialism will limit the effectiveness of a Single Market and Economy in the English-speaking Caribbean.

7. Using illustrations from any one of China, India or South Africa, identify the factors which demonstrate that they are transitional societies.