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EXAMINATION OF DECEMBER 2005

Code and Name of Course GT11A - Introduction to Political Institutions

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Date and Time: Thursday December 15, 2005. 4:00pm–6:00pm Duration: 2 Hours

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

Students must answer TWO questions - only one may be selected from each of the three sections.

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 A

1. Is unconventional political behaviour superceding conventional political behaviour in Jamaica?

2. Evaluate the attitudes, values and beliefs of Jamaican citizens to authority, political parties, the law and crime.

SECTION B

3. Using illustrations from the Jamaican political system, discuss the view that the House of Representatives and the Senate are rubber stamps for cabinet decisions.

4. While Separation of Powers is a central feature of the American political system, the majority of American citizens believe that special interests and party loyalty have weakened the independence of the Legislative branch of government. Using examples from decisions made since 2000, discuss the above statement.

5. The British system of government should be called “Prime Ministerial” instead of “Parliamentary”. Discuss.

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SECTION C

6. To what extent will the Caribbean Court of Justice facilitate globalization in the English-speaking Caribbean?

7. To what extent has a 'superpresidency' rather than a democracy followed the 'collapse of communism' in Russia?

8. To what extent will constitutional reform address the weaknesses of the Jamaican political system?

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