The University of the West Indies

SEMESTER I ☒ SEMESTER II ☐ SUPPLEMENTAL/SUMMER SCHOOL ☐

Examinations of December ☒ / April/May ☐ / July ☐ 2006

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

Course Code and Title: GT 11A – INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

Date: Thursday December 7, 2006. Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am.

Duration: 2 Hours. Paper No: STREAM 1

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:

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

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.

Students are required to answer TWO questions.
Only ONE may be selected from each section of the paper.

SECTION A

1. EITHER: To what extent has the political culture and behaviour of Jamaicans changed towards the practice of political tribalism?

OR: Identify and discuss the reasons for the low voter turnout and level of participation of young people in Caribbean political life.
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SECTION B

2. Critically discuss how any Caribbean state could retain democracy at the same time that it imposes restrictions on rights and freedoms to fight crime and violence.

3. There are many indicators of democracy in the world today. Which of these would you choose for your ideal democratic state?

4. There are more effective limits on the "rule of money" than on the "rule of people" in American democracy. Critically discuss.

SECTION C

5. Have the political reforms of Tony Blair's government changed the character of democracy in Britain?

6. Is Post-communist Russia more of a dictatorship than a democracy today?

7. What type of constitutional reform measures would you recommend for any single Caribbean state and why?

8. In what ways could Caribbean states reduce the difficulties and take more advantage of the opportunities in contemporary globalization?

END OF PAPER