THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

EXAMINATIONS OF JULY 2015

CODE AND NAME OF COURSE: FOUN 1301 – LAW, GOVERNANCE AND SOCIETY

DATE AND TIME: JULY 2015

DURATION: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES: This paper has TWO (2) PAGES, TEN (10) QUESTIONS AND IS DIVIDED INTO TWO (2) SECTIONS.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS, ONE (1) FROM EACH SECTION. Each response is worth 25 marks.

Candidates are reminded that the Examiners will take into account the proper use of the English Language in determining the mark for each response.

SECTION A

1. To what extent did the Colonial system of government serve as a catalyst for the disturbances/riots of the 1930s?

2. “Trade Unions have often been overlooked as principal institutions for the shaping of governance in Caribbean society and as such they are increasingly being seen as irrelevant to the continued shaping of our political economic and social development,” (Trotman). What are the challenges the Trade Union movement continues to face in the Caribbean? Provide examples to support your answer.

3. The Plantation economy model has no relevance in explaining the current features of the contemporary Caribbean. Critically discuss the accuracy of this assertion.

4. “Rather than blame the state and “the system” for the high and growing levels of poverty found in the Caribbean, citizens should instead blame their materialistic attitudes.” Critically discuss the accuracy of this assertion.

5. The creation of a more democratic society does not only come from the creation of a republic. Critically discuss.
SECTION B

6. What is a structural adjustment programme? Discuss with reference to any two (2) Caribbean states you have studied how these programmes have impacted on these societies. Have they resolved the respective issues for which they were designed?

7. The reason why the Caribbean Court of Justice has not been unanimously accepted by all CARICOM States is because of the flawed idea that the courts of law are the guarantors of justice.” Critically discuss the accuracy of this statement.

8. Is justice an essentially procedural notion? Critically Discuss.

9. “Caribbean integration is unrealistic!” Critically discuss this view in light of globalization.

10. “The evident failure of countries in the Caribbean that experimented with the Non-Capitalist Path of Development shows clear evidence that it is an impractical system of governance for resolving the chronic social, economic and political challenges associated with endemic poverty in the region.” Why have Marxist ideological orientations been so difficult to implement in the Caribbean? Discuss with reference to any two countries you have studied.

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