THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

EXAMINATIONS OF JULY 2015

CODE AND NAME OF COURSE: GOVT 1011 INTRODUCTION TO CARIBBEAN POLITICS

DATE AND TIME: DURATION: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES: The paper has two pages, two sections and six (6) questions. Please answer two (2) questions. Question One (1) in Section one (1) is compulsory. You are also required to answer one (1) question from section 2.

Section 1

1. **THIS SECTION IS COMPULSORY.**
   Write informative notes on six (6) of the following, explaining their meaning and relevance to Caribbean politics, paying particular attention to the importance of the issue, definitions, and conceptual issues. You are also required to illustrate and make reference to the literature.
   i. Parliamentarianism
   ii. Elective dictatorship and the Westminster system in the Caribbean
   iii. Collective responsibility
   iv. The legislative branch of Government under Westminster model of government
   v. Cabinet Government under Westminster in the Caribbean
   vi. Old Representative System of Government
   vii. Neo-liberalism, globalisation and the English-Speaking Caribbean
   viii. Underdevelopment and mono-cropism in the Caribbean
   ix. Nkrumah and neo-colonialism
   x. Colonialism

60 marks (10 marks for each unit response)
Each answer will be assessed based on the following rubric.
Style, grammar and coherence, 2 marks
Rigorous content and evidence of research, 5 marks
Interpretation, 3 marks
Section 2
THIS SECTION IS COMPULSORY
You are required to answer only one (1) question from this section

2. Trace the development of political parties and trade unions in the Commonwealth Caribbean and assess their continuing relevance.

3. Did the outcome of the 1930s represent a political victory for the underclasses or did it reaffirm the status quo? Discuss with useful illustrations.

4. 'Political integration is an absolute imperative for the English Speaking Caribbean.' Do you agree with this viewpoint? If so why and if not why not? What are the forces compelling integration and disintegration?

5. Based on an assessment of the elections in Guyana in May 2015, should other Commonwealth Caribbean countries adopt proportional representation to elect parliamentary representatives? Critically discuss.

6. 'Given the location of the Caribbean, a seeming commitment to liberal democracy and vested national and international interest, the non-capitalist experimentations in the region were doomed to fail.' Identifying the rationale for the establishment of these programmes, critically discuss the above viewpoint.

40 marks
Each answer will be assessed based on the following rubric.
Style, grammar and coherence, 5 marks
Rigorous content, 10
Critical analysis and evidence of research, 15 marks
Interpretation, 10 marks

END OF QUESTION PAPER