



SIR ARTHUR LEWIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC YEAR (2024/2025) - SEMESTER ONE

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE : CAR201
COURSE TITLE : Caribbean Society & Culture
LECTURER(S) : Honor Jacobs, T. Saiwak-William
DATE : 11th December 2024
TIME : 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
DURATION : 2 Hours
STUDENT ID # : _____

GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

- Students must sign **IN** and **OUT** on the examination class list.
- This exam contains **TWO** sections A (Multiple Choice) and B (Essay). Students are to answer every question under section A. Students are to select **TWO** questions under section B and respond in essay format.
- Students are to write your ID Number on *each* answer sheet.
- Please number your responses accurately.

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Section A

Multiple Choice (20 marks)

(Recommended Time 20 minutes)

Answer ALL questions

1. A society may BEST be described as
 - a. a demographic group with shared interest and beliefs
 - b. people of the same ethnicity living in the same region
 - c. people of a shared experience, geographical space and traditions
 - d. an aggregate of people with common political objectives

2. The process by which one culture is absorbed by another culture is
 - a. cultural pluralism
 - b. assimilation
 - c. transculturation
 - d. acculturation

3. Most of the damage from earthquakes occurs as a result of...
 - a. collapse of buildings
 - b. flash floods triggered by landslides
 - c. collapse of bridges
 - d. disruption of gas, electricity and cable services

4. DRR for earthquakes should include which of the following:
 - a. early warning systems
 - b. development of seismic hazard maps
 - c. an evacuation plan
 - d. all the above

5. All of the following contribute to soil erosion **EXCEPT**
 - a. deforestation
 - b. sedimentation
 - c. intensive agriculture
 - d. floods

6. All of the following are reef building corals **EXCEPT**

- a. Pillar corals and Elkhorn corals
- b. Staghorn corals
- c. Brain corals
- d. Fan corals

7. Zooxanthellae represent

- a. none of these options
- b. microscopic plants that infiltrate reef in highly polluted water
- c. algae that live amongst coral polyps
- d. zooplankton that live amongst the coral polyps

8. The British relocated Caribs from the following island:

- a. St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- b. Aruba and Bonaire
- c. St. Kitts and Nevis
- d. Trinidad and Tobago

9. What is meant by the term “plural society”?

- a. A society in which there is a high level of economic inequality among different social classes.
- b. A society characterized by the coexistence of multiple distinct cultural, ethnic, or religious groups, each maintaining their own traditions and customs.
- c. A society where the majority of the population falls within one of two dominant ethnic groups.
- d. A society whose political leaders are duplicitous in their dealing with their dealings with the disenfranchised masses.

10. Which of the following best describes the influence of the Caribbean on extra-regional territories?

- a. The Caribbean has had little to no influence on extra-regional territories.
- b. The Caribbean has primarily influenced the political systems of extra-regional territories.
- c. The Caribbean has influenced extra-regional territories through cultural exchanges, migration, and economic contributions.
- d. The Caribbean has only influenced neighboring regions, not extra-regional territories.

Match the festivals observed in the Caribbean on the left with their corresponding religions on the right.

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| 11. Grounation Day | a. Islam |
| 12. Diwali | b. Rastafari |
| 13. Ramadan | c. Hinduism |
| 14. Easter | d. Roman Catholicism |
| 15. Carnival | e. Christianity |

Match the items of material culture on the left with the corresponding groups who introduced them to the Caribbean.

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| 16. Cassareep | a. East Indian Indentured |
| 17. Guns | b. Maroons of Jamaica |
| 18. Ganja | c. Chinese Indentured |
| 19. Wok | d. Indigenous |
| 20. Abeng | e. European |

Sections B One and Two

MODULE ONE- CARIBBEAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Answer TWO questions, ONE from B One and the other from B TWO, in essay format.

(Recommended Time 50 minutes per essay)

Section B One

EITHER

1. **Discuss** THREE ways in which education in the Caribbean has continued to facilitate the colonial agenda.

(Provide supporting evidence with examples from different countries in the region. Cite sources)

(Total 30 marks)

OR

2. “Given the reality of international institutions and prevailing satellite relationships, the plantation society model is inevitable in the Caribbean”.

Discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with this statement. (Provide supporting evidence with examples from different countries in the region. Cite sources)

(Total 30 marks)

Section B Two

EITHER

3. **Discuss** the social and economic impact of natural disasters on the Caribbean.

(Provide supporting evidence with examples from different countries in the region. Cite sources)

(Total 30 marks)

OR

4. “United we stand, divided we fall.” **Examine the extent to which** social challenges faced by the people in the Caribbean may hinder Caribbean unity.

(Provide supporting evidence with examples from different countries in the region. Cite sources)

(Total 30 marks)