



SIR ARTHUR LEWIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC YEAR (2024/2025) – SEMESTER ONE
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE : HIS110
COURSE TITLE : Caribbean Slave Societies
LECTURER(S) : Rhysea Joseph
DATE : 19th 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.
- Write your ID number on the question paper.
- Please number your responses accurately.
- **This paper consists of 3 sections. Students must complete each section**
- Section A: There are 10 multiple choice questions. Answer **ALL QUESTIONS**.
- Section B: There is one source-based question. Students **MUST** answer this question.
- Section C: This section consists of essay questions. Students must answer **ONE** question from the available options.

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SECTION A

Circle or shade the best answer that corresponds with each question. This section is worth **10 marks**.

1. Which of the following forms of protest used by the enslaved in the British Caribbean in the 18th century was the LEAST common?

(A) Petitioning the Crown
(B) Staging armed revolts
(C) Poisoning of livestock
(D) Sabotaging of equipment
2. The decline theory with regard to the reduced economic viability of the sugar production in the British Caribbean in early 1800's was documented by which Caribbean Historian?
(A) Gad Heuman
(B) Eric Williams
(C) William Darity
(D) Seymour Drescher
3. Which of the following can be referred to as gynecological resistance?
(A) Abortion and suicide
(B) Arson and prolonged lactation
(C) Murder and prolonged lactation
(D) Abortion and prolonged lactation
4. What reason BEST explains the resistance shown by enslaved people in the Caribbean?
(A) Limited options for economic activity
(B) Stringent laws placed against marriage
(C) Regular policing of Sunday markets
(D) Restriction of their inalienable right as a human being to be free
5. The ONLY successful revolution led by enslaved people in the Caribbean occurred in
(A) Haiti
(B) Jamaica
(C) Grenada
(D) Martinique
6. The emancipation of enslaved people in the French Caribbean was granted in the year
(A) 1834
(B) 1848
(C) 1865
(D) 1886
7. "Man is born free and everywhere he is in chains". This slogan associated with the abolition movement was said by:
(A) Thomas Clarkson
(B) William Wilberforce
(C) Jean Jacques Rousseau
(D) Toussaint L' Ouverture
8. The watch words of 'Liberty Equality and Fraternity' originated from which of the following revolutions?
(A) Fedon Rebellion
(B) French Revolution
(C) Haitian Revolution
(D) American Revolution

9. The leader of the 1790 Mulatto uprising in the Haitian Revolution was
- (A) Vincent Oge
 - (B) Victor Hughes
 - (C) Jean Pierre Boyer
 - (D) Toussaint L'Ouverture
10. The Success of the Haitian Revolution of 1791 was based on
- I. excellent leadership of Boukman, Toussaint, Dessalines and Christophe
 - II. France was itself in a state of revolution
 - III. a strong slave army in the face of a divided white and free colored minority
- (A) I and II only
 - (B) I and III only
 - (C) II and III only
 - (D) I, II and III

SECTION B

The following extracts relate to slave systems character and dismantlement, experiences and strategies of survival of enslaved peoples. Study the extracts, then answer Parts (a) to (d) that follow,

Document I

Strong attachment, either to their wives or to their children, is not common among the slaves... perhaps owing to their immorality, and because they have more wives than one; and partly because any anxiety for the comfort and welfare, and lately the education and instruction, of their offspring is removed, by the conviction that all this will be attended by the owner, and it often happens that where there is little care there is also little affection. The mother who gives her infant babe to be nursed by a stranger, and only sees it occasionally, as duty requires... does not feel for it the love of one who has nursed and reared it herself...

J. W. Bayley, 1833 in Hilary McD Beckles, Natural Rebels: A Social History of Enslaved Black Women in Barbados. New Brunswick, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, 1989, 115-116.

Document II

I feel much pain in observing the mortality on this estate in which the decrease appears to be from June 1796 to June 1798 not less than 14 being about 6 percent. Independent of more important considerations it is painful to think at this rate the whole property would be extinguished in about 35 years. I would recommend an earnest enquiry into the cause of decrease. Is it the neglect of children? Want of proper food (for I observe many die of the flux) proper medical care or the dissolute manners of the negroes which prevents breeding? Whatever be the cause I hope no pains or expense will be spared to counteract it.

Clarendon MS Dep. C. 428, Joseph Foster Barham to Henry Plummer, July 6, 1799, in Verene Shepherd (ed) Engendering Caribbean History Cross-Cultural Perspectives. Kingston, Jamaica: Ian Randle Publishers, 2011, 335

(a) With reference to **Document I** outline THREE assertions made about the enslaved family.

[6 marks]

(b) With reference to **Document I**, explain, with the use of examples, THREE ways in which the assertions identified misrepresented the relationship which existed within the enslaved family.

[9 marks]

(c) With reference to **Document II**, explain TWO factors which affected the fertility of enslaved females on the plantations during the 18th century.

[6 marks]

(d) With reference to **Document II**,

- (i) State ONE way in which slave mortality rates was linked to EITHER 'want of proper food' OR from improper medical care.

[3 marks]

(ii) Discuss TWO ways in which plantation owners attempted to improve fertility among enslaved women.

[6 marks]

Total 30 marks

SECTION C

Answer **ONE** question from this section in the form of an essay.

1. Discuss the statement “Strong leadership and favourable circumstances accounted for the success of the Haitian Revolution”.

Total 30 marks

2. To what extent did the British Emancipation Act protect the interest of the formerly enslaved peoples?

Total 30 marks