

Advance information June 2022

A-level History (7042)

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Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are providing advance information on the focus of June 2022 exams to help students revise.

This is the advance information for **A-level History (7042), 2L Italy and Fascism, c1900–1945**

Information

- This notice covers advanced information for 7042/2L Italy and Fascism, c1900–1945.
- There are no restrictions on who can use this notice.
- This notice is meant to support final revision.
- The format/structure of the papers remains unchanged.
- You are **not** permitted to take this notice into the exam.

Advice

- Students and teachers can discuss this advance information notice.
- Questions will be drawn from one or more of the indicated areas of specification content.
- The information is presented in specification order and not in question order.
- Students **will** be credited for using any relevant knowledge when answering questions.
- Students **will not** be disadvantaged if solely using the areas indicated in this document. There is no expectation of knowledge beyond that identified in order to achieve full marks.
- It is advised that teaching and learning should still aim to address the entire subject content in the specification.

Focus of the June 2022 exam

This paper will sample from the following areas of the specification content for **7042/2L**.

Part one: the crisis of Liberal Italy and the Rise of Mussolini, c1900–1926

Section one: The Crisis of Liberal Italy, c1900–1915

- The political, economic and social condition of Italy c1900: the legacy of unification; divisions between North and South; the conflict between Church and State; class divisions
- The political system and Giolittianism: the role of the monarchy; the dominance of government by the liberal oligarchy; anticlericalism; the role of Giolitti
- Challenges to the ruling elites: industrialisation and social change; the rise of socialism and new political movements

Section two: The collapse of Liberal Italy and Mussolini's Rise to Power, 1915–1922

- N/A

Section three: Mussolini and the establishment of Fascist Italy, 1922–1926

- The appointment of Mussolini as prime minister: Mussolini's tactics and the March on Rome; the role of the King; compromises by the ruling elites
- The Fascist movement: the ideology of Fascist revolution; the different political factions within the Fascist Party; Fascist propaganda; Mussolini as leader
- Mussolini's consolidation of power: compromises with the elites; the use of terror and violence; constitutional change and moves towards a one-party state; exploitation of the popularity of Fascist economic and foreign policy successes

Part two: Fascist Italy, 1926–1945

Section four: Fascist society, 1926–1940

- Propaganda and the cult of Il Duce: control of the media; education as propaganda; the role of Fascist organisations
- Fascist society: relations between the Fascist regime and the Church; the impact of Fascist organisations on women, youth, peasants and workers; the extent of 'Fascistisation' of society by 1940

Section five: Fascist foreign policies, 1926–1940

- N/A

Section six: Fascist Italy and war, 1940–1945

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- The decision to enter the war: Mussolini's war aims; Italy's contribution to the conquest of France; the implications for Italy of the continuation of the war
 - Italy's war effort: military campaigns; the impact of the war on the economy and the Italian people; the relationship with Nazi Germany
 - The fall of Mussolini in 1943: Allied invasion of Sicily and the crisis of the Fascist regime; the overthrow of Mussolini by the Fascist Grand Council and the King; the 'Forty Five Days' and the continuation of war and civil war in Italy

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