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# A-level HISTORY

## Italy & Fascism, c1900–1945

Paper 2L

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**ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER**

2 hours 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **2L**.
- Answer **three** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
    - 60 minutes on Question 01
    - 45 minutes on each of the two questions in Section B.
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**Section A**

Answer Question 01

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying Italy under the Salò Republic in 1944.

**[30 marks]**

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**Section B**Answer **two** questions

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'Italy was in crisis in 1921 because of the disastrous consequences of the First World War.'

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]****0 3**

'Mussolini's success in consolidating the power of his Fascist regime in the years 1922 to 1929 owed little to terror and intimidation.'

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]****0 4**

'Mussolini's removal from power in 1943 was entirely due to his disastrous foreign policy decisions in the years 1935 to 1940.'

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]****END OF QUESTIONS**

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Question 1 Source A: I Origo, War in the Val d'Orcia, Allison and Busby, 2008

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