

A-level HISTORY

Component 2L Italy and Fascism, c1900–1945

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-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 7042/2L.
- 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:
 - 1 hour on Question 01 from **Section A**
 - 45 minutes on each of the **two** questions answered from **Section B**.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From an elementary school book for seven-year-old pupils. This was one of a series of compulsory text books introduced by the Fascist state in the 1930s.

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Source B

From 'Mussolini's Italy' by Herman Finer, published in London, 1935. Finer was a British political scientist and socialist. He interviewed Mussolini and Fascist officials, and had access to original documents.

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Source C

From The Fascist School Charter, written by Giuseppe Bottai, Fascist Minister of National Education, February 1939. The Charter outlined the 'principles, goals and methods of the Fascist School'.

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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 education in Fascist Italy in the 1930s.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

0 2 'The most significant problem faced by Italy in 1900 was the weakness of its economy.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

0 3 'Mussolini's successful consolidation of power, in the years 1922 to 1926, was due to the compromises he made to secure the support of the Italian elites.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

0 4 To what extent was the fall in support for Mussolini in the years 1940 to 1943 solely due to the failure of Italy's military campaigns?

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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