



**A-level  
HISTORY**

**Component 2L Italy and Fascism, c1900–1945**

**7042/2L**

**Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes**

**For this paper you must have:**

- **an AQA 16-page answer book.**

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## **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.**

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**SECTION A**

**Answer 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]**

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**SECTION B**

**Answer TWO questions.**

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**‘The most significant problem faced by Italy in 1900 was the weakness of its economy.’**

**Assess the validity of this view. [25 marks]**

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**‘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]**

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**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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