

6524F - Paper 4F

Dictatorships in Action: Italy and Germany in the Inter-war Period

Choose EITHER Option I OR Option II for which you have been prepared and answer ONE question from your chosen Option.

Option I – The Quest for Greatness: Fascist Italy, 1924–39

EITHER

1. ‘Mussolini made Italy appear as a great power, but the reality of Italy’s status in world affairs failed to match this image.’

How far do you agree with this judgement on Mussolini’s conduct of Italian foreign policy in the years 1933–39?

(Total 60 marks)

OR

2. ‘The Lateran Accords of 1929 were a brilliant political manoeuvre on the part of Mussolini.’

How far do you agree with this judgement?

(Total 60 marks)

Option II – Expansion and Aggression: German Foreign Policy, 1933–39

EITHER

3. ‘In the years 1933–37 German foreign policy was essentially nationalist rather than specifically Nazi.’

How far do you agree with this opinion?

(Total 60 marks)

OR

4. To what extent does a shared ideology explain the coming together of Germany and Italy in diplomatic partnership in the years 1936–39?

(Total 60 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER 4F: 60 MARKS



