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# A-level HISTORY

## Italy and Fascism, c1900–1945

Paper 2L

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Specimen 2014

Morning Time allowed: 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 the response of the Italian people to Mussolini's promises to restore Italian greatness through war.

**[30 marks]**

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**Section B**

Answer **two** questions.

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**0 2**

'The post-war crisis in Italy in the years 1919 to 1921 arose from the deep-rooted failings of the ruling elites since 1900.'

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]**

**0 3**

'It was violence, and the fear of violence, that enabled Mussolini to consolidate his power between October 1922 and 1929.'

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]**

**0 4**

To what extent had Mussolini's regime brought about a 'Fascist Social Revolution' by 1945?

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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