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AS Level History A

Y250 Italy 1896–1943

Wednesday 25 May 2016 – Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer either Question 1 or Question 2 in Section A, and Question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

SECTION A

Answer **ONE** question.

1* How far was Mussolini's rise to power in 1922 due to his own abilities? **[30]**

2* How consistent was Mussolini's foreign policy during the years 1922–40? **[30]**

SECTION B

- 3** Read the interpretation and then answer the question that follows:

'Mussolini's greatest achievement as regards the economy was in generating propaganda opportunities for fascism within Italy.'

Mark Robson, *Access to History: Italy: The Rise of Fascism 1896–1946*, 2015

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation of Mussolini's domestic policies during the years 1925–1940, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

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