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# AS Level History A

## Y250/01 Italy 1896–1943

**Tuesday 23 May 2017 – 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.

**EITHER**

**1\*** To what extent did Italy solve its economic and social problems during the years 1896 to 1915? **[30]**

**OR**

**2\*** How successful was Mussolini's foreign policy during the years 1922 to 1943? **[30]**

**SECTION B**

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

'The victory of fascism in Italy reflected deep social divisions opened up by the war.'

David Reynolds, *The Long Shadow*, 2013

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation of the rise to power of the Fascist party during the years 1919–1922 making reference to other interpretations you have studied. **[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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