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# AS Level History A

## Y250/01 Italy 1896–1943

**Tuesday 22 May 2018 – 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 answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- 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 had Mussolini become the dictator of Italy by 1925? **[30]**

**OR**

**2\*** How far was the alliance with Germany the greatest mistake of Mussolini's foreign policy? **[30]**

**SECTION B**

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

'Fascism was the last fling of the propertied classes to prevent a Socialist state.'

Elizabeth Wiskemann: *Europe of the Dictators*, 1966

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation of the rise to power of Italian Fascism during the years 1919–22 making reference to other interpretations you have studied. **[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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