Summer Examinations 2015

Module Title  Movement and Regimes: A Century of Fascism
Level  Six
Time Allowed  One hour and thirty minutes

Instructions to students:

- Please enter your student number not your name on all answer books.
- Answer two questions: one from Section A and comment on one question from Section B.
- Section A carries 67% of the overall marks. Section B carries 33% of the overall marks.
- Begin each question in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.
- Neither books nor notes may be taken into the examination.
- The same material should not constitute a substantial part of more than one question.

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No. of Questions 5
Section A

Section A carries 67% of the overall marks.

Answer **one** of the following questions from **Section A**.

1. To what extent were fascist movements and regimes in the twentieth century driven by a vision of an ‘alternate modernity’?

2. Compare and contrast the styles of leadership found in fascist organisations in the twentieth century.

Section B

Section B carries 33% of the overall marks.

Comment on the content and the context of one of the following documents from Section B:

4. **From a journalist’s interview with Benito Mussolini conducted on 20 April 1945**

   I spoke constantly with the Fuehrer about the new order to be established in Europe and Africa ... Europe would have been divided in two great zones of influence: north and north-east a Germanic sphere of influence; south, south-east, and south-west an Italian sphere of influence ... In a hundred years of Fascist education and material well-being, the Italian people would have had the possibility, the numerical strength and the spirit to enable them to act as an effective counter-weight to the power of Germany, a power which is now overwhelming. A force of 300 million Europeans, real Europeans, because I refuse to count as European the populations of the Balkans and of certain zones of Russia, even those near the Vistula: a material and spiritual force to mobilise against the eventual enemies of Asia and America ... I was not bluffing when I declared that the Fascist idea will be the idea of the twentieth century. An eclipse of five years, or even ten, has absolutely no importance ... History will vindicate me.
National Socialism ... reaches back to the old, healthy, organic values of life in revolt against the whole structure of thought of liberalism and democracy, with its cash nexus; its excessive individualism; its view of man as a folkless, interchangeable unit of world population; its spiritual justification in a debased Christianity embracing a sickly ‘humanitarianism’, which will always tolerate a greater harm for the sake of avoiding a lesser one; and its fraudulent contention that the artificially induced and numerically determined wishes of the mass are all-important criteria. History is a saga of social decay and renewal. National Socialism is the 20th century’s remedy of renewal for the great degeneration of modern times under the disintegrating, debasing, and emasculating thought and practice which emerged with the disruption of the old medieval order of stability by the developing forces of capitalism and the industrial revolution; flourished under the laissez-faire liberalism of the 18th and 19th centuries; came to a climax under the democracy of the 19th and 20th centuries; and will result in the world triumph of communism by the end of this 20th century unless National Socialism comes to power in time...