Examination Period 3: 2016/17

HIS302117N

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

Instructions to students:

- Enter your student number **not** your name on all answer books.
- Answer **two** questions: **one** from **Section A** and **one** from **Section B**.
- The same material should not constitute a substantial part of more than one question.
- 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.
- Students are **not** permitted to remove this examination paper from the examination room. For all purposes the examination paper remains the property of the University of Northampton.

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Section A

Answer one out of three questions.

1. Do debates among historians about defining fascism help or hinder comparative analysis? Discuss using historical examples from before and after the Second World War.

2. Why were fascist organisations more successful before 1945 than after?

3. To what extent are charismatic leaders crucial for the success or failure of a fascist organisation? Discuss with examples from before and after 1945.

End of Section A
Section B follows overleaf
Section B

Comment on one of the following:

4. Extract from Oswald Mosley, *Tomorrow We Live* (1938)

Germany and Italy, despite a present poverty of natural resources have, at least, broken the control of international finance, and Germany in particular has offended this world power by summary dealing with the Jewish masters of usury. So every force of the money power throughout the world has been mobilised to crush them, and that power does not stop short at payment for its vendetta in British blood. Any study of the Press and propaganda organs controlled by finance power can reach no other conclusion if we ask the simple question, what single interest of Britain or of world peace is served by their clearly deliberate intention to provoke war between Britain and the new countries?

5. William Pierce, from the magazine *Attack!* November, 1974 and reproduced online at: http://nationalvanguard.org/2010/10/principles-of-organization/ uploaded in October 2010

The long-range goals of the National Alliance are of unprecedented magnitude ... We want to build a whole new world, and we want to build it on a radically different ideological basis from that of the present world. In order to do so we must contend with the most determined and even fanatical opposition from the carriers of the Judeo-liberal-democratic sickness and from all those with a vested interest in the present System. Unfortunately, our opponents are able to marshal overwhelming forces against us and have almost unlimited resources at their disposal. Their chief strength, of course, is their monopoly control of the mass media. Not to be forgotten, however, are their dreadful power of the purse and their ability to deploy all the police powers of the state against us.

End of Section B
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