Fascist Society Socratic Discussion

IB History

**Instructions:**

To evaluate to what extent Mussolini and the Fascists achieved total control over Italian society and economy, we are going to explore the below questions in a Socratic Discussion. All of the below questions are drawn from past IB Paper 2 exams, so they are all worth exploring in detail but don’t forget our focus is totalitarianism. All of our assertions should be linked to specific concrete details and relative historiography.

1. Examine the role of education and youth policies in Mussolini’s Italy?

2. Which is more important to the success of an authoritarian state, force or popularity? Evaluate one authoritarian state.

3. Analyze the treatment of religious groups in Italy.

4. *The economic policies of authoritarian states rarely achieve their aims*

To what extent do you agree with the statement in reference to Mussolini?

5. In what ways, and with what results, was the status of women affected by the policies of Mussolini?