Fascist Society and Economy Socratic Discussion

IB History

**Instructions:**

To evaluate to what extent Mussolini and the Fascists achieved total control over Italian society, 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. Analyze the treatment of religious groups in Italy.

3. To what extent did Mussolini achieve his economic aims?

4. Assess the importance of the use of force for the establishment of totalitarian control.

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

6. Define “totalitarianism” and assess the extent to which it was achieved in Mussolini’s Italy.