Title: What were the most significant factors that caused the formation of dictatorship under Benito Mussolini?

Criterion A: 3 marks

A question of this investigation has been stated. This question is OK, but with a slight change it could have been more analytical, especially since the content will focus on certain events. The candidate has identified and evaluated two secondary sources – one is a textbook for students at an advanced level of History (*Fascist Italy*) and the other one is an essay from a collection of History essays (*Aspects of European History 1789-1980*). These sources are both relevant for the investigation. The title of the specific essay/article should have been mentioned though. The candidate seems to also have a bit of a problem with some of the main source criticism which makes the evaluation limited.

Criterion B: 4 marks

Unfortunately, the text has some organizational flaws – it's not very well structured. This could have been avoided if the candidate would have claimed which period was going to be investigated – in the question. To be able to investigate how Mussolini established a dictatorship we need an identification of the term dictatorship. Without that explanation the text becomes a bit unfocused and unclear. The arguments are of importance, but they should have been clearer, and they should have been covered with more focused facts. At the end of the investigation the different arguments should have been compared/contrasted. This does not happen. The text is narrative with a few important factors presented. No analysis – just a few comments and as mentioned above – due to a lack of clarity important parts are missing. The candidate also needs to avoid using different historians views presented from a textbook – use the original sources instead.

Criterion C: 1 mark

There is some discussion about the methods historians use, the problems that can occur and see that some of that applied to the reflection. These parts could be made clearer and it would have been good to see a sample from the candidates own work.

Total: 8 marks