

## 8.6 Fascism and Totalitarianism

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**Total: 13 marks**

**KEY WORDS** fascism 法西斯主义 • stalin 斯大林 • liquidation of the kulaks 富农

### Objective

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Build the skills to explain **fascism** 法西斯主义 and **Stalinist** rule.

**You must be able to:**

- separate fascism's roots from the conditions of its popularity
- name the four conditions
- state the CED's account of Stalin's programme and its price
- trace each condition to an earlier subtopic

### 1 Worked examples

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Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

#### ■ Roots and popularity

The ideology had **roots in the pre-World War I era** but **gained popularity** in an environment of postwar bitterness, the rise of communism, uncertain transitions to democracy and economic instability. Origin and popularity are different questions.

#### ■ The four conditions

Postwar bitterness (from 8.4), the rise of communism (from 8.3), uncertain transitions to democracy, and economic instability (from 8.5).

#### ■ Stalin's programme

After Lenin's death Stalin undertook a **centralised programme of rapid economic modernisation**, often with severe repercussions for the population.

#### ■ The price

The CED itemises it: liquidation of the kulaks and other perceived enemies of the state, devastating famine in the Ukraine, purges of political rivals, and ultimately the creation of an oppressive political system.

## 2 Practice

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**2.1** State the difference between fascism's roots and the conditions of its popularity. [2]

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**2.2** Name the four conditions. [2]

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**2.3** The CED itemises the price of Stalin's modernisation.

(a) Name three elements. [3]

(b) State the result the CED names. [1]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

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**3.1** Fascism's roots are dated by the CED to [1]

- **A** the 1930s
- **B** the pre-World War I era
- **C** 1848
- **D** 1945

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**3.2** Stalin's programme is described as [1]

- **A** decentralised and gradual
- **B** centralised and rapid
- **C** voluntary
- **D** foreign-directed

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**3.3** Each of fascism's four conditions can be traced to an earlier subtopic.

(a) Match two conditions to their sources. [2]

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(b) Explain why tracing them strengthens an answer.

[1]

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## Solutions

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**2.1** the roots explain where the ideology came from; the conditions explain why it became popular when it did.

**2.2** postwar bitterness; the rise of communism; uncertain transitions to democracy; economic instability.

**2.3** (a) any three of: liquidation of the kulaks and other perceived enemies; devastating famine in the Ukraine; purges of political rivals. (b) an oppressive political system.

**3.1 B.** the CED dates the roots before 1914.

**3.2 B.** centralised and rapid are the CED's words.

**3.3** (a) postwar bitterness to 8.4; the rise of communism to 8.3; economic instability to 8.5. (b) it shows the conditions were produced by the period rather than assumed.