EXERCISE 7

Fascism, in the words of Mussolini, believes that 'war alone brings up to its highest tension, all human energy and puts the stamp of nobility upon the people who have the courage to meet it'. Again a doctrine which is founded on the harmful postulate of peace is hostile to Fascism. The Fascist then is one who believes that the bombardment of open towns with fire, poison and explosives (in other words, modern war) is intrinsically good. He is one who rejects the teachings of the prophets and believes that the best society is national society living in a state of chronic hostility towards other national societies and preoccupied with ideas of slaughter. He is one who despises non-attached individual and holds up for admiration the person who, in obedience to the boss who

happens at the moment to have grabbed a political power systematically, cultivates all the passion (pride, danger, envy, hatred) which the philosophers and the founders of religions have unanimously condemned as the least worthy of human beings. All Fascist planning, therefore, has but one aim to make the national society more efficient as a war machine. Industry, commerce and finance are all controlled for this purpose. (About 200 words).