1 How Italy became a totalitarian state?

A) Discontented with Italy's democratic government:
   - After WWI, Italy failed to get territories rewards promised by the Allies -->
     showed the weakness of the democratic government.
   - The World War I brought great damage to the Italian's overseas trade and
     industries
   - The democratic government was weak, corrupt and inefficient to solve the
     post-war serious unemployment and inflation problems.
   ==> This failure led to a hope for a strong leader--Mussolini who promised to solve
   Italy's problems.

B) The fear of communism:
   - Economic hardship led to the rise of communist's activities.
   => Fear of communism, the rich Italians supported Mussolini who was strongly
     anti-communism

C) Mussolini rose to power:
   1919 established the Fascist Party
   Oct 1922 " March on Rome "
   1922 appointed Mussolini as Prime Minister by the King Victor Emmanuel III
   ==> Italy became the totalitarian state under the Fascist Party rule.

2 Main ideas of Fascism

A) One party dictatorship -- banned all the other parties by 1926
B) Mussolini controlled everything and all Italians must obey his orders without
   question
C) Expansionsit policy and praised wars