

**“More care needed with exam papers” (Leung Weiwen, ST Forum, 14/10, pH22)**

ONE of the multiple-choice questions in a previous PSLE Social Studies paper had more than one correct answer.

It asked: Which country joined Germany in World War II? Two of the options were Italy and Romania, and the last two were Allied or neutral nations.

While it is common knowledge that Mussolini joined forces with Hitler, the Romanians also did so, albeit without a bang. In fact, many historians consider oil-rich Romania to be a more valuable ally of Germany than Italy.

What this shows, together with the errors in last year's O-level Biology paper and this year's PSLE Mathematics, is that national examination papers have not been set and checked thoroughly enough. Examiners ought to exercise due care.

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