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A Level History A

Y209/01 African Kingdoms c.1400–c.1800: four case studies

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Time allowed: 1 hour



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Choose either Question 1 or Question 2 and answer all parts of the question.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **30**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **2** pages.

Answer **EITHER** all of Question 1 **OR** all of Question 2.

- 1 (a) Which of the following were the more significant reasons for the adoption of Christianity in the kingdom of Kongo?

(i) Religious reasons

(ii) Political reasons

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii). [10]

- (b)* To what extent was the slave trade a positive influence on Oyo and Dahomey in the period 1608–c.1800? [20]

OR

- 2 (a) Which of the following was a more significant reason for the economic prosperity of the Kingdom of Benin c.1500–c.1700?

(i) Its geographical location

(ii) Contact with Europeans

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii). [10]

- (b)* 'The promotion of learning was the most significant achievement of the Askia dynasty in Songhay'. How far do you agree? [20]

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