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AS Level History A

Y239/01 African Kingdoms c.1400–c.1800: four case studies

Tuesday 23 May 2017 – Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer either Question 1 or Question 2 in Section A, and Question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- 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 **4** pages.

SECTION A

Answer **ONE** question.

EITHER

- 1* 'The Sonni dynasty had a greater influence on the development of Songhay than the Askia dynasty in the period 1450–1591.' How far do you agree? **[30]**

OR

- 2* How far can the decline of Benin from c.1700 be explained by the influence of Europeans? **[30]**

SECTION B

- 3 Read the interpretation and then answer the question that follows:

'The power of Benin's kings depended largely on long-distance trade.'

From: The British Museum, Benin: An African Kingdom (accessed 2016)

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

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