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A Level History A

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

Time allowed: 1 hour



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Choose **one** question and answer **all** the parts of that question.

INFORMATION

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

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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

1 (a) Which of the following was a more significant reason for the decline of Benin by 1750?

- (i) European colonialism
- (ii) Internal succession crises and civil wars

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

(b)* 'Its military power was the most important reason why Oyo was able to develop and maintain an empire in the period from c.1600 to c.1750.' How far do you agree? [20]

OR

2 (a) Which of the following was a more important reason for the rise of the Kingdom of Kongo in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries?

- (i) Political developments
- (ii) Economic developments

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

(b)* Assess the importance of military developments in the territorial expansion of the Songhay Empire. [20]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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