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**Tuesday 13 June 2023 – Morning**

**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 Question 1 **or** Question 2.

1 (a) Which of the following was the more important factor in the rise of the Kingdom of Kongo in the period from c.1400 to c.1709?

(i) Political and administrative centralisation

(ii) Trade and commerce

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

(b)\* Assess the importance of the role of the *Alafin*/King in Oyo and Dahomey. [20]

**OR**

2 (a) Which of the following contributed more to the rise of Oyo and Dahomey?

(i) Military factors

(ii) Individual rulers

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

(b)\* How important were economic factors in the decline of Benin? [20]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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