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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 (OCR12 sent with general stationery)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Choose either Question 1 or Question 2 and answer all parts of the question.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- 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 was a more significant reason for the expansion of Benin in the later fifteenth and the sixteenth centuries?

- (i) Military might
- (ii) Improved government and administration

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

- (b)* 'The main reason for the decline of the Kingdom of Songhay was the Moroccan Invasion of 1591.' How far do you agree? [20]

OR

- 2 (a) Which of the following was a more significant reason for the rise of the Kingdom of Oyo in the early seventeenth century?

- (i) Leadership of individual Alafins
- (ii) The use of cavalry

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

- (b)* 'The achievements of Oba Ewuare were greater than any other Oba who ruled Benin in the period from c.1500 to c.1750.' How far do you agree? [20]

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