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**Wednesday 12 June 2019 – Afternoon**

**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  
(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.

**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 rise of the Kingdom of Benin by c.1550?

(i) Its geographical location

(ii) Its military strength

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

(b)\* 'There were few similarities between the Kingdoms of Oyo and Dahomey in the years c.1608–c.1800.' How far do you agree? [20]

**OR**

2 (a) Which of the following was a greater cause of instability in the Kingdom of Kongo 1600–c.1709?

(i) Disputes over the succession

(ii) The influence of the Portuguese

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

(b)\* Assess the reasons why Benin was so politically stable in the period 1500–c.1608. [20]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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