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A Level History A

Unit Y209

African Kingdoms c.1400–c.1800: four case studies

Sample Question Paper

Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour



OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet

Other materials required:

- None



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes above with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Choose either Question 1 or Question 2 and Answer all parts of the question.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

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 **4** pages.

Answer **EITHER** all of Question 1, or all of Question 2.

1 (a) Which of the following was more important in maintaining the power of the Oba in Benin?

- (i) Tribute
- (ii) Ceremony and ritual

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

[10]

1 (b)* To what extent was the leadership of Sonni Ali the main reason for the rise of the Songhay Empire?

[20]

OR

2 (a) Which of the following kingdoms was more successful in their relations with Europeans?

- (i) Kongo
- (ii) Benin

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

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2 (b)* 'Use of cavalry was the main reason for the strength of the Oyo Empire'. To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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