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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 **4** pages.

ADVICE
- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

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(a) Which of the following was of greater importance in the rise of the Songhay Empire?

(i) The collapse of the Mali Empire

(ii) Military factors

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

(b)* Assess the impact of religion on the politics and society of Oyo in the period from 1608 to c.1800. **[20]**

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(a) Which of the following was of greater importance in the decline of Benin?

(i) Changing patterns of trade

(ii) Succession crises

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

(b)* How important was the economy in the development of the Songhay Empire? **[20]**

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