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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 contributed more to the strength of the Songhay Empire?

(i) Centres of learning

(ii) The economy

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

(b)* How important was Mbanza Kongo in the centralisation of power in Kongo? **[20]**

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(a) Which of the following was of greater importance in maintaining the power of the *Oba* in Benin?

(i) Military developments

(ii) Religion

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

(b)* How similar were the economies of Oyo and Dahomey? **[20]**

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