Answer EITHER all of Question 1 OR all of Question 2.

1 (a) Which of the following were the more significant reasons for the adoption of Christianity in the kingdom of Kongo?

(i) Religious reasons

(ii) Political reasons

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

(b)* To what extent was the slave trade a positive influence on Oyo and Dahomey in the period 1608–c.1800? [20]

OR

2 (a) Which of the following was a more significant reason for the economic prosperity of the Kingdom of Benin c.1500–c.1700?

(i) Its geographical location

(ii) Contact with Europeans

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

(b)* ‘The promotion of learning was the most significant achievement of the Askia dynasty in Songhay’. How far do you agree? [20]

END OF QUESTION PAPER