

PHYSICS

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9702 (Physics) in the October/November 2012 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	40	28	25	14
Component 12	40	25	22	15
Component 13	40	29	26	16
Component 21	60	30	24	13
Component 22	60	34	28	14
Component 23	60	30	25	12
Component 31	40	31	29	22
Component 33	40	31	29	22
Component 34	40	33	31	23
Component 35	40	32	30	24
Component 36	40	33	31	26
Component 41	100	56	49	20
Component 42	100	56	49	20
Component 43	100	59	51	18
Component 51	30	22	20	12
Component 52	30	22	20	12
Component 53	30	19	17	9

The thresholds (minimum marks) for Grades C and D are normally set by dividing the mark range between the B and the E thresholds into three. For example, if the difference between the B and the E threshold is 24 marks, the C threshold is set 8 marks below the B threshold and the D threshold is set another 8 marks down. If dividing the interval by three results in a fraction of a mark, then the threshold is normally rounded down.

The thresholds for the **syllabus** are determined first by adding together the thresholds for the components taken by the candidate. A reduction may be made at the higher grades depending on the correlation of the papers. If the maximum raw marks for the components are not in the weighting/relationship specified in the syllabus, a weighting is applied to arrive at the overall thresholds. The A* threshold is calculated using the difference between A and B as a starting point.

For AS Level components, small adjustments may be made to the marks awarded for some versions of the paper in order to neutralise any differences in the difficulty of the different versions and so make sure that all candidates face an equal demand.

The maximum total mark for this syllabus is **260** for A Level and **130** for AS Level.

For this syllabus in this series the grade thresholds were as follows:

Option	Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	E
AX AY EY	11, 21, 31, 41, 51 12, 22, 33, 42, 52 12, 22, 34, 42, 52	173	156	139	118	98	78
AZ EZ	13, 23, 35, 43, 53 13, 23, 36, 43, 53	174	156	138	116	94	73
BX BY	41, 51 and AS from last June 42, 52 and AS from last June	174	157	140	117	94	72
BZ	43, 53 and AS from last June	175	157	139	115	91	67
CX CY	41, 51 and AS from last Nov. 42, 52 and AS from last Nov.	172	156	140	120	100	80
CZ	43, 53 and AS from last Nov.	173	156	139	117	96	75
S1 S3 S4 S5 S6	AS Level		80	71	62	54	46

Grade Thresholds are published for all GCE A/AS and IGCSE subjects where a corresponding mark scheme is available.