

BUSINESS STUDIES

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9707 (Business Studies) in the October/November 2011 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	40	34	31	25
Component 12	40	34	31	25
Component 13	40	34	31	25
Component 21	60	42	39	28
Component 22	60	43	39	28
Component 23	60	43	39	28
Component 31	100	62	58	35
Component 32	100	62	58	35
Component 33	100	62	58	35

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 **200** for A Level and **100** 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 AZ	11, 21, 31 12, 22, 32 13, 23, 33	147	137	127	114	101	88
BX BY BZ	31 and AS from last June 32 and AS from last June 33 and AS from last June	146	137	128	113	98	84

Option	Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	E
CX CY CZ	31 and AS from last Nov. 32 and AS from last Nov. 33 and AS from last Nov.	143	133	123	109	95	82
SX SY SZ	AS Level		77	70	64	58	53

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