

BUSINESS STUDIES

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9707 (Business Studies) in the October/November 2012 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	40	32	29	21
Component 12	40	34	31	24
Component 13	40	32	29	23
Component 21	60	42	39	27
Component 22	60	40	37	24
Component 23	60	42	39	28
Component 31	100	62	58	35
Component 32	100	62	58	38
Component 33	100	62	58	38

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	11, 21, 31	144	134	124	110	96	83
AY	12, 22, 32	144	134	124	111	98	86
AZ	13, 23, 33	144	134	124	111	98	86
BX	31 and AS from last June	142	131	120	106	92	78

Option	Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	E
BY	32 and AS from last June	142	131	120	107	94	81
BZ	33 and AS from last June	142	131	120	107	94	81
CX	31 and AS from last Nov.	149	138	127	114	101	88
CY	32 and AS from last Nov.	149	138	127	115	103	91
CZ	33 and AS from last Nov.	149	138	127	115	103	91
SX	AS Level		74	68	61	54	48
SY	AS Level		74	68	61	54	48
SZ	AS Level		74	68	61	54	48

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