

PSYCHOLOGY

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9698 (Psychology) in the October/November 2011 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	100	71	62	36
Component 12	100	65	59	39
Component 13	100	62	54	33
Component 21	50	39	35	21
Component 22	50	40	35	24
Component 23	50	37	32	23
Component 31	70	53	45	23
Component 32	70	53	45	23
Component 33	70	53	45	23

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	165	146	127	110	93	76
BX BY BZ	31 and AS from last June 32 and AS from last June 33 and AS from last June	170	149	128	111	95	79



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.	168	147	126	108	90	73
SX SY SZ	AS Level AS Level AS Level		72	64	57	50	44

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