

PSYCHOLOGY

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9698 (Psychology) in the October/November 2012 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	80	56	50	26
Component 12	80	54	47	26
Component 13	80	56	46	27
Component 21	70	43	37	20
Component 22	70	48	43	25
Component 23	70	47	41	23
Component 31	80	50	43	23
Component 32	80	50	43	23
Component 33	80	50	43	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	11, 21, 31	146	129	112	95	79	63
AY	12, 22, 32	146	129	112	95	79	63
AZ	13, 23, 33	146	129	112	95	79	63
BX	31 and AS from last June	144	127	110	95	80	65

Option	Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	E
BY	32 and AS from last June	144	127	110	95	80	65
BZ	33 and AS from last June	144	127	110	95	80	65
CX	31 and AS from last Nov.	151	134	117	102	87	73
CY	32 and AS from last Nov.	151	134	117	102	87	73
CZ	33 and AS from last Nov.	151	134	117	102	87	73
SX	AS Level		67	59	50	42	34
SY	AS Level		67	59	50	42	34
SZ	AS Level		67	59	50	42	34

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