

# SOCIOLOGY

## GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9699 (Sociology) in the May/June 2013 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	50	35	32	22
Component 12	50	35	32	22
Component 13	50	35	32	22
Component 21	50	32	28	20
Component 22	50	38	33	24
Component 23	50	39	36	27
Component 31	75	52	46	28
Component 32	75	52	45	29
Component 33	75	52	46	30

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. Grade A\* does not exist at the level of an individual component.

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	156	140	124	110	96	83
AY	12, 22, 32	157	140	123	110	97	85
AZ	13, 23, 33	156	140	124	111	98	86
BX	31, 66	152	137	122	108	94	80
BY	32, 66	153	137	121	108	95	82
BZ	33, 66	152	137	122	109	96	83

Option	Combination of components	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
CX	31, 67	<b>148</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>80</b>
CY	32, 67	<b>149</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>82</b>
CZ	33, 67	<b>148</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>83</b>
SX	11, 21		<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>
SY	12, 22		<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>
SZ	13, 23		<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>

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