

BUSINESS STUDIES

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

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

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	40	32	28	21
Component 12	40	33	30	22
Component 13	40	34	31	22
Component 21	60	41	37	28
Component 22	60	43	40	27
Component 23	60	37	33	20
Component 31	100	71	64	41
Component 32	100	67	61	39
Component 33	100	62	54	33

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	160	147	134	119	104	90
AY	12, 22, 32	155	143	131	116	102	88
AZ	13, 23, 33	152	138	124	110	96	82
BX	31 and AS from last June	153	140	127	113	99	86

Option	Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	E
BY	32 and AS from last June	148	136	124	110	97	84
BZ	33 and AS from last June	145	131	117	104	91	78
CX	31 and AS from last Nov.	157	143	129	115	101	88
CY	32 and AS from last Nov.	152	139	126	112	99	86
CZ	33 and AS from last Nov.	149	134	119	106	93	80
SX SY SZ	AS Level		76	70	63	56	49

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