

# BUSINESS STUDIES

## Cambridge International Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9707 (Business Studies) in the October/November 2013 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	40	29	26	18
Component 12	40	29	26	18
Component 13	40	29	26	18
Component 21	60	42	39	28
Component 22	60	42	39	28
Component 23	60	42	39	28
Component 31	100	61	57	33
Component 32	100	56	52	32
Component 33	100	62	56	36

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	140	130	120	106	92	79
AY	12, 22, 32	135	125	115	102	90	78
AZ	13, 23, 33	139	129	119	106	94	82

Option	Combination of components	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
BX	31, 66	<b>138</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>75</b>
BY	32, 66	<b>133</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>74</b>
BZ	33, 66	<b>137</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>78</b>
CX	31, 67	<b>144</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>81</b>
CY	32, 67	<b>139</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>80</b>
CZ	33, 67	<b>143</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>84</b>
SX	11, 21		<b>71</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>
SY	12, 22		<b>71</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>
SZ	13, 23		<b>71</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>

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