

Grade thresholds – June 2021

Cambridge International AS & A Level Biology (9700)

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9700 (Biology) in the June 2021 examination.

| | maximum raw mark available | minimum raw mark required for grade: | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| | | A | B | C | D | E |
| Component 11 | 40 | 28 | 24 | 20 | 16 | 13 |
| Component 12 | 40 | 27 | 23 | 20 | 17 | 14 |
| Component 13 | 40 | 30 | 26 | 22 | 18 | 15 |
| Component 21 | 60 | 38 | 33 | 27 | 21 | 14 |
| Component 22 | 60 | 38 | 34 | 28 | 22 | 15 |
| Component 23 | 60 | 39 | 33 | 27 | 21 | 14 |
| Component 31 | 40 | 28 | 24 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| Component 32 | 40 | 29 | 25 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| Component 33 | 40 | 31 | 27 | 23 | 20 | 17 |
| Component 34 | 40 | 28 | 24 | 21 | 18 | 16 |
| Component 35 | 40 | 31 | 28 | 24 | 20 | 16 |
| Component 41 | 100 | 60 | 53 | 46 | 38 | 30 |
| Component 42 | 100 | 56 | 47 | 38 | 29 | 20 |
| Component 43 | 100 | 64 | 55 | 48 | 40 | 32 |
| Component 51 | 30 | 21 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 10 |
| Component 52 | 30 | 20 | 17 | 14 | 11 | 8 |
| Component 53 | 30 | 21 | 19 | 16 | 14 | 11 |

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

The maximum total mark for this syllabus, after weighting has been applied, is **260** for A Level, **130** for A2-only A Level, and **130** for AS Level.

The overall thresholds for the different grades were set as follows. Options with the suffix J, e.g. BXJ, refer to A2-only options.

| Option | Combination of Components | A* | A | B | C | D | E |
|--------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| AX | 11, 21, 31, 41, 51 | 190 | 168 | 146 | 122 | 99 | 76 |
| AY | 12, 22, 33, 42, 52 | 187 | 164 | 141 | 117 | 93 | 70 |
| AZ | 13, 23, 35, 43, 53 | 200 | 177 | 154 | 130 | 107 | 84 |

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|--------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| BXJ | 41, 51 | 92 | 79 | 66 | 54 | 43 | 32 |
| BYJ | 42, 52 | 90 | 74 | 58 | 44 | 31 | 18 |
| BZJ | 43, 53 | 97 | 83 | 69 | 57 | 46 | 35 |
| CQ1 | 41, 51, 95 | 182 | 161 | 140 | 119 | 99 | 79 |
| CQ2 | 41, 51, 98 | 180 | 159 | 138 | 117 | 97 | 77 |
| CR1 | 42, 52, 96 | 184 | 163 | 142 | 119 | 96 | 73 |
| CR2 | 42, 52, 99 | 186 | 164 | 142 | 119 | 96 | 74 |
| CX1 | 41, 51, 94 | 181 | 161 | 141 | 120 | 100 | 80 |
| CY1 | 42, 52, 95 | 179 | 156 | 133 | 111 | 89 | 67 |
| CY2 | 42, 52, 98 | 177 | 154 | 131 | 109 | 87 | 65 |
| HX | 11, 21, 32, 41, 51 | 191 | 169 | 147 | 123 | 99 | 76 |
| HY | 12, 22, 34, 42, 52 | 185 | 162 | 139 | 115 | 92 | 69 |
| S1 | 11, 21, 31 | – | 87 | 75 | 62 | 49 | 36 |
| S2 | 11, 21, 32 | – | 88 | 76 | 62 | 49 | 36 |
| S3 | 12, 22, 33 | – | 88 | 77 | 65 | 53 | 42 |
| S4 | 12, 22, 34 | – | 86 | 75 | 63 | 52 | 41 |
| S5 | 13, 23, 35 | – | 92 | 80 | 67 | 54 | 41 |