

# GEOGRAPHY

## GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9696 (Geography) in the October/November 2011 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	100	64	59	40
Component 12	100	64	59	40
Component 13	100	65	60	41
Component 21	50	32	29	19
Component 22	50	32	29	19
Component 23	50	30	27	17
Component 31	50	32	28	19
Component 32	50	32	28	19
Component 33	50	32	28	19

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	138	127	116	103	91	79
AY	12, 22, 32	138	127	116	103	91	79
AZ	13, 23, 33	136	125	114	101	89	77
BX	21, 31 and AS from last June	138	126	114	101	89	77

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Option	Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	E
BY	22, 32 and AS from last June	138	126	114	101	89	77
BZ	23, 33 and AS from last June	136	124	112	99	87	75
CX	21, 31 and AS from last Nov.	137	126	115	102	90	78
CY	22, 32 and AS from last Nov.	137	126	115	102	90	78
CZ	23, 33 and AS from last Nov.	135	124	113	100	88	76
SX SY SZ	AS Level		65	60	53	47	41

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