

THINKING SKILLS

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9694 (Thinking Skills) in the May/June 2012 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	30	20	18	13
Component 12	30	20	18	13
Component 13	30	20	18	13
Component 21	45	27	23	14
Component 22	45	27	23	14
Component 23	45	27	23	14
Component 31	50	27	23	12
Component 32	50	25	22	12
Component 33	50	27	23	12
Component 41	50	31	26	16
Component 42	50	30	25	16
Component 43	50	31	26	16

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, 41	134	118	102	89	77	65
AY	12, 22, 32, 42	130	115	100	88	76	65

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AZ	13, 23, 33, 43	134	118	102	89	77	65
BX	31, 41 and AS from last June	140	123	106	93	80	67
BY	32, 42 and AS from last June	136	120	104	91	79	67
BZ	33, 43 and AS from last June	140	123	106	93	80	67
CX	31, 41 and AS from last Nov.	134	117	100	88	76	64
CY	32, 42 and AS from last Nov.	130	114	98	86	75	64
CZ	33, 43 and AS from last Nov.	134	117	100	88	76	64
SX SY SZ	AS Level	65	62	55	49	43	37

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