

HISTORY

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9697 (History) in the October/November 2012 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Paper 1 (Components 11, 12 & 13)	100	78	74	49
Paper 2 (Components 21, 22 & 23)	100	85	82	55
Paper 3 (Components 31, 32 & 33)	100	69	63	44
Paper 4 (Components 41, 42 & 43)	100	74	69	45
Paper 5 (Components 51, 52 & 53)	100	70	64	42
Carry Forward Components from June 2012				
Component 61 (Papers 11, 12 & 13)	100	70	62	38
Component 63 (Papers 31, 32 & 33)	100	61	55	36
Component 65 (Papers 51, 52 & 53)	100	64	56	35
Component 66 (Paper 06)	100	68	63	37
Carry Forward Components from November 2012				
Component 71 (Papers 11, 12 & 13)	100	71	68	46
Component 72 (Papers 21, 22 & 23)	100	79	76	49
Component 73 (Papers 31, 32 & 33)	100	63	57	38
Component 74 (Papers 41, 42 & 43)	100	68	63	39
Component 75 (Papers 51, 52 & 53)	100	64	58	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. When a component is used as an AS level, 6 marks are deducted from the threshold component. As an A Level combines two components, one of which counts as an AS, 6 marks are deducted from the total of the combined components. For example the combined total for an A grade for a candidate completing A Level in Papers 1 and 3 would be 146. The combined threshold is then reduced by 6 marks to allow for one paper counting as an AS. 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.

As examples, for this syllabus in this series the grade thresholds for the most commonly taken options were as follows:

AS Level

Option	Components	A	B	C	D	E
SA, SG, SM	AS Level Components 11,12 and 13	72	68	59	51	43
SC, SI, SO	AS Level Components 31,32 and 33	63	57	50	44	38
SD	AS Level Component 41	68	63	55	47	39
SE, SK, SQ	AS Level Components 51, 52 and 53	64	58	50	43	36

A Level

Option	Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	E
BX, BY, BZ	Papers 1 and 3	149	140	131	116	101	87
CX, CY, CZ	Papers 1 and 4	153	145	137	120	104	88
RX1, RY1, RZ1	Papers 3 and 61	151	138	125	110	96	82
SX1, SY1, SZ1	Papers 3 and 71	147	139	131	117	103	90
YA1	Components 12 and 22	162	156	150	132	115	98

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