

HISTORY

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9697 (History) in the October/November 2011 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Paper 1 (Components 11, 12 & 13)	100	77	74	52
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 2011				
Component 61 (Papers 11, 12 & 13)	100	70	62	38
Component 63 (Papers 31, 32 & 33)	100	60	54	36
Component 65 (Papers 51, 52 & 53)	100	65	58	38
Component 66 (Paper 06)	100	68	63	37
Carry Forward Components from November 2010				
Component 71 (Papers 11, 12 & 13)	100	70	67	42
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	70	65	40
Component 75 (Papers 51, 52 & 53)	100	68	60	37

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 A Level syllabus are determined first by adding together the thresholds for the components taken by the candidate. 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. This means that the actual threshold for an A (in this case in Option BX, BY or BZ) is 140 marks.

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	71	68	60	53	46
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
AX, AY, AZ	Papers 1 and 2	162	156	150	133	117	101
BX, BY, BZ	Papers 1 and 3	149	140	131	117	103	90
CX, CY, CZ	Papers 1 and 4	153	145	137	121	106	91
DX, DY, DZ	Papers 1 and 5	150	141	132	117	102	88
FX, FY, FZ	Papers 2 and 3	157	148	139	123	108	93
JX, JY, JZ	Papers 3 and 5	145	133	121	107	93	80
LX, LY, LZ	Papers 4 and 5	149	138	127	111	96	81

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OX3	Papers 1 and 74	155	147	139	123	107	92
OX4, OZ4	Papers 1 and 75	156	145	134	119	104	89
PY1	Papers 2 and 61	166	155	144	127	110	93
RX1, RY1, RZ1	Papers 3 and 61	153	139	125	110	96	82
SX1, SY1, SZ1	Papers 3 and 71	148	139	130	115	100	86
SX4, SZ4	Papers 3 and 75	151	137	123	109	95	81
TX1	Papers 4 and 61	157	144	131	115	99	83
UX1	Papers 4 and 71	152	144	136	119	103	87
WX1, WY1, WZ1	Papers 5 and 71	149	140	131	115	99	84
WX3, WZ3	Papers 5 and 73	145	133	121	107	93	80
XB1	Components 11 and 31	149	140	131	117	103	90
XB5	Components 31 and 71	148	139	130	115	100	86
XC1	Components 11 and 41	153	145	137	121	106	91
XC4	Components 41 and 71	152	144	136	119	103	87
YA1	Components 12 and 22	162	156	150	133	117	101
YA2	Components 12 and 72	162	156	150	133	117	101
YA3	Components 22 and 61	166	155	144	127	110	93
YA4	Components 22 and 71	161	155	149	131	114	97
YB1	Components 12 and 32	149	140	131	117	103	90
YB2	Components 12 and 63	146	137	128	114	101	88
YB4	Components 32 and 61	153	139	125	110	96	82
YB5	Components 32 and 71	148	139	130	115	100	86
ZB1	Components 13 and 33	149	140	131	117	103	90
ZB2	Components 13 and 63	146	137	128	114	101	88
ZB3	Components 13 and 73	149	140	131	117	103	90

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