

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 8693 (English Language) in the May/June 2011 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	50	34	26	15
Component 12	50	34	26	15
Component 13	50	34	26	15
Component 21	50	39	32	17
Component 22	50	39	32	17
Component 23	50	39	32	17

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.

The maximum total mark for this syllabus is **100** for AS Level.

For this syllabus in this series the grade thresholds were as follows:

Option	Combination of components	A	B	C	D	E
AX AY	11, 21 12, 22	72	57	48	40	32
AZ	13, 23	72	57	48	40	32

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