

BIOLOGY

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9700 (Biology) in the May/June 2012 examination.

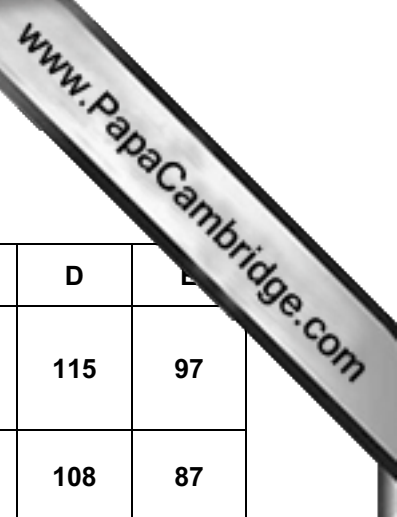
	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	40	35	31	19
Component 12	40	33	29	18
Component 13	40	35	31	19
Component 21	60	45	43	25
Component 22	60	40	36	20
Component 23	60	37	33	18
Component 31	40	28	25	16
Component 32	40	25	23	15
Component 33	40	26	23	15
Component 34	40	25	22	13
Component 35	40	23	21	14
Component 41	100	63	55	38
Component 42	100	58	51	28
Component 43	100	63	55	38
Component 51	30	21	17	10
Component 52	30	22	19	10
Component 53	30	21	17	10

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 **260** for A Level and **130** 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 EX AZ	11, 21, 31, 41, 51 11, 21, 32, 41, 51 13, 23, 35, 43, 53	194	173	152	133	115	97
AY EY	12, 22, 33, 42, 52 12, 22, 34, 42, 52	188	169	150	129	108	87
BX BZ	41, 51 and AS from last June 43, 53 and AS from last June	197	177	157	135	113	92
BY	42, 52 and AS from last June	191	173	155	130	106	82
CX CZ	41, 51 and AS from last Nov. 43, 53 and AS from last Nov.	191	168	145	128	111	95
CY	42, 52 and AS from last Nov.	185	164	143	123	104	85
S1 S2 S3 S4 S5	AS Level	N/A	91	82	71	60	49

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