

CHEMISTRY

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9701 (Chemistry) in the May/June 2011 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	40	31	27	17
Component 12	40	28	25	13
Component 13	40	31	27	17
Component 21	60	46	42	27
Component 22	60	44	37	18
Component 23	60	43	36	18
Component 31	40	28	24	15
Component 32	40	29	25	14
Component 33	40	24	21	12
Component 34	40	24	20	11
Component 35	40	26	23	14
Component 41	100	61	53	33
Component 42	100	59	52	33
Component 43	100	59	52	33
Component 51	30	20	17	10
Component 52	30	22	19	12
Component 53	30	22	19	12

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	11, 21, 31, 41, 51 11, 21, 32, 41, 51	188	167	146	125	104	83
AY EY AZ	12, 22, 33, 42, 52 12, 22, 34, 42, 52 13, 23, 35, 43, 53	187	167	147	126	105	85
BX	41, 51 and AS from last June	196	174	152	131	111	91
BY BZ	42, 52 and AS from last June 43, 53 and AS from last June	195	174	153	133	113	93
CX	41, 51 and AS from last Nov.	194	169	144	126	108	90
CY CZ	42, 52 and AS from last Nov. 43, 53 and AS from last Nov.	193	169	145	127	109	92
S1 S2 S3 S4 S5	AS Level		88	77	64	52	40

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