

GEOGRAPHY

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9696 (Geography) in the October/November 2012 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	100	62	57	38
Component 12	100	62	57	38
Component 13	100	64	59	40
Component 21	50	31	28	19
Component 22	50	31	28	19
Component 23	50	31	28	19
Component 31	50	31	27	18
Component 32	50	31	27	18
Component 33	50	31	27	18

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. 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.

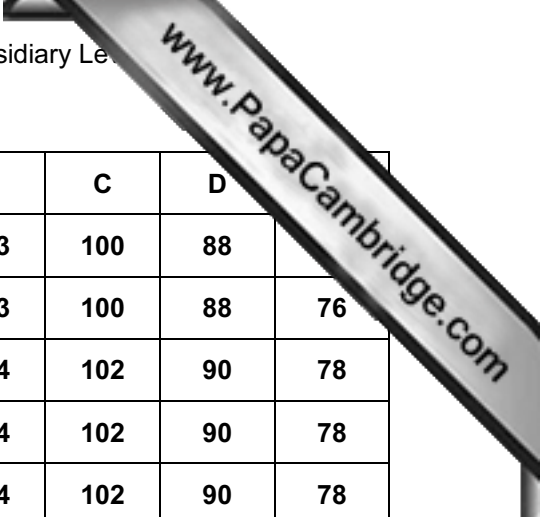
For AS Level components, small adjustments may be made to the marks awarded for some versions of the paper in order to neutralise any differences in the difficulty of the different versions and so make sure that all candidates face an equal demand.

The maximum total mark for this syllabus is **200** for A Level and **100** 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	11, 21, 31	135	124	113	101	89	77
AY	12, 22, 32	135	124	113	101	89	77
AZ	13, 23, 33	135	124	113	101	89	77
BX	21, 31 and AS from last June	137	125	113	100	88	76

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Option	Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	
BY	22, 32 and AS from last June	137	125	113	100	88	
BZ	23, 33 and AS from last June	137	125	113	100	88	76
CX	21, 31 and AS from last Nov.	136	125	114	102	90	78
CY	22, 32 and AS from last Nov.	136	125	114	102	90	78
CZ	23, 33 and AS from last Nov.	136	125	114	102	90	78
SX SY SZ	AS Level		64	59	52	46	40

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