

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 8780 (Physical Science) in the October/November 2011 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 1	30	21	18	12
Component 2	30	18	15	8
Component 3	80	47	38	16
Component 4	30	23	20	13

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 maximum total mark for this syllabus is **200**.

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

Option	Combination of components	a	b	c	d	e
	01, 02, 03, 04	126	105	89	73	57

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