

PHYSICS

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9702 (Physics) in the October/November 2011 examination.

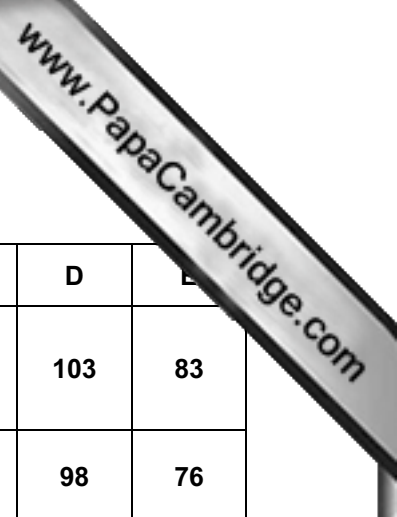
	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	40	27	24	16
Component 12	40	29	26	18
Component 13	40	27	24	16
Component 21	60	36	32	18
Component 22	60	30	24	13
Component 23	60	37	33	21
Component 31	40	33	31	23
Component 33	40	31	30	23
Component 34	40	33	32	24
Component 35	40	31	29	24
Component 36	40	31	29	24
Component 41	100	62	56	26
Component 42	100	62	56	26
Component 43	100	61	52	19
Component 51	30	19	16	9
Component 52	30	19	16	9
Component 53	30	21	19	9

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 **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 AY EY	11, 21, 31, 41, 51 12, 22, 33, 42, 52 12, 22, 34, 42, 52	175	159	143	123	103	83
AZ EZ	13, 23, 35, 43, 53 13, 23, 36, 43, 53	178	160	142	120	98	76
BX BY	41, 51 and AS from last June 42, 52 and AS from last June	183	166	149	127	105	83
BZ	43, 53 and AS from last June	186	167	148	124	100	76
CX CY	41, 51 and AS from last Nov. 42, 52 and AS from last Nov.	177	161	145	125	105	85
CZ	43, 53 and AS from last Nov.	180	162	144	122	100	78
S1 S3 S4 S5 S6	AS Level		80	72	64	56	48

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