

# DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

## International General Certificate of Secondary Education

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 0453 (Development Studies) in the October/November 2011 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:			
		A	C	E	F
Component 1	80	55	43	33	29
Component 2	80	55	42	33	26

The threshold (minimum mark) for B is set halfway between those for Grades A and C. The threshold (minimum mark) for D is normally set halfway between those for Grades C and E. The threshold (minimum mark) for G is set as many marks below the F threshold as the E threshold is above it.

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.

The maximum total mark for this syllabus is **160**.

The overall thresholds for the different grades were set as follows.

Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
01, 02	<b>121</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>44</b>

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