## GEOGRAPHY

## GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

	maximum	minimum mark required for grade:			
	mark available	A	В	E	
Component 11	100	64	58	39	
Component 12	100	61	56	37	
Component 13	100	61	56	37	
Component 21	50	32	28	19	
Component 22	50	32	28	19	
Component 23	50	32	28	19	
Component 31	50	32	28	19	
Component 32	50	34	30	20	
Component 33	50	34	30	20	

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9696 (Geography) in the May/June 2011 examination.

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 **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	<b>A</b> *	Α	В	С	D	E
AX	11, 21, 31	139	126	113	101	89	77
AY	12, 22, 32	141	128	115	102	90	78
AZ	13, 23, 33	141	128	115	102	90	78
BX	21, 31 and AS from last June	137	125	113	101	89	77

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Option	Combination of components	<b>A</b> *	Α	В	С	D	E
BY	22, 32 and AS from last June	139	127	115	102	90	78
СХ	21, 31 and AS from last Nov.	138	126	114	102	90	78
CY	22, 32 and AS from last Nov.	140	128	116	103	91	79
SX SY SZ	AS Level		64	58	51	45	39

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