

THINKING SKILLS

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9694 (Thinking Skills) in the October/November 2012 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	30	20	17	11
Component 12	30	19	16	10
Component 13	30	21	19	12
Component 21	45	24	21	13
Component 22	45	25	22	14
Component 23	45	24	21	13
Component 31	50	30	26	14
Component 32	50	30	26	14
Component 33	50	28	24	12
Component 41	50	32	26	16
Component 42	50	32	26	16
Component 43	50	32	26	16

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, 41	137	119	101	88	75	62
AY	12, 22, 32, 42	137	119	101	88	75	62

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Option	Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	E
AZ	13, 23, 33, 43	135	117	99	86	73	60
BX	31, 41 and AS from last June	138	122	106	93	80	67
BY	32, 42 and AS from last June	138	122	106	93	80	67
BZ	33, 43 and AS from last June	136	120	104	91	78	65
CX	31, 41 and AS from last Nov.	138	121	104	91	78	66
CY	32, 42 and AS from last Nov.	138	121	104	91	78	66
CZ	33, 43 and AS from last Nov.	136	119	102	89	76	64
DX	11, 21, 31, 41	137	119	101	88	75	62
DY	12, 22, 32, 42	137	119	101	88	75	62
DZ	13, 13, 33, 43	135	117	99	86	73	60
SX SY SZ	AS Level		59	50	44	38	32

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