

BUSINESS STUDIES

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9707 (Business Studies) in the May/June 2013 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	40	30	27	20
Component 12	40	30	27	20
Component 13	40	30	27	20
Component 21	60	40	37	24
Component 22	60	39	36	22
Component 23	60	37	34	22
Component 31	100	67	61	38
Component 32	100	64	59	34
Component 33	100	63	58	33

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	A*	A	B	C	D	E
AX	11, 21, 31	147	135	123	108	94	80
AY	12, 22, 32	143	132	121	106	91	76
AZ	13, 23, 33	142	131	120	105	90	75
BX	31, 66	149	136	123	109	95	81

Option	Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	
BY	32, 66	145	133	121	106	91	
BZ	33, 66	144	132	120	105	90	76
CX	31, 67	152	140	128	114	100	86
CY	32, 67	148	137	126	111	96	82
CZ	33, 67	147	136	125	110	95	81
SX SY SZ	11, 21 12, 22 13, 23	- - -	68	62	55	48	42

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