



Uniform Mark Scale in GCSE Modern Foreign Languages

GCSE French, Summer 2010

In 2003, all Awarding Bodies, in agreement with ACCAC and QCA, adopted the UMS (Uniform Mark Scale) in the grading of the MFL GCSE examinations. This system rewards candidates more accurately for their overall performance. The UMS system has a maximum of 90 UMS marks for each component (speaking, listening, reading and writing) giving a total of 360 UMS marks for the subject.

Candidates' raw marks in each component will be converted to a mark on the following UMS scale:

A*	80-90	
A	70-79	
B	60-69	
C	50-59	Maximum mark available for Foundation Tier components
D	40-49	
E	30-39	
F	20-29	
G	10-19	
U	0-9	

Candidates' uniform marks are then aggregated to produce an overall subject grade as follows:

A*	320-360
A	280-319
B	240-279
C	200-239
D	160-199
E	120-159
F	80-119
G	40-79
U	0-39

The individual raw mark to UMS conversions for each paper in the 2010 examinations are as follows:

(Please note the codes for each paper 01 foundation writing; 02 foundation listening; 03 foundation reading; 04 foundation speaking; 05 higher writing; 06 higher listening; 07 higher reading; 08 higher speaking; 09 foundation coursework; 10 higher coursework).

Please address any queries to the subject officer for MFL.

