

BIOLOGY

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9700 (Biology) in the May/June 2010 examination.

| | maximum mark available | minimum mark required for grade: | | |
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| | | A | B | E |
| Component 11 | 40 | 36 | 31 | 18 |
| Component 12 | 40 | 33 | 29 | 17 |
| Component 13 | 40 | 33 | 29 | 17 |
| Component 21 | 60 | 50 | 47 | 28 |
| Component 22 | 60 | 46 | 42 | 25 |
| Component 23 | 60 | 43 | 38 | 23 |
| Component 31 | 40 | 29 | 26 | 16 |
| Component 32 | 40 | 28 | 25 | 15 |
| Component 33 | 40 | 29 | 26 | 15 |
| Component 34 | 40 | 26 | 22 | 11 |
| Component 35 | 40 | 31 | 27 | 16 |
| Component 41 | 100 | 62 | 54 | 34 |
| Component 42 | 100 | 64 | 57 | 34 |
| Component 43 | 100 | 64 | 57 | 34 |
| Component 51 | 30 | 23 | 20 | 13 |
| Component 52 | 30 | 25 | 22 | 14 |
| Component 53 | 30 | 25 | 22 | 14 |

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.

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