SOCIOLOGY

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9699 (Sociology) in the October/November 2012 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:			
		Α	В	E	
Component 11	50	33	30	22	
Component 12	50	33	30	22	
Component 13	50	33	30	22	
Component 21	50	34	32	21	
Component 22	50	34	32	21	
Component 23	50	34	32	21	
Component 31	75	53	48	32	
Component 32	75	50	45	29	
Component 33	75	53	48	32	

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 *	Α	В	С	D	E
AX	11, 21, 31	146	136	126	112	99	86
AY	12, 22, 32	142	132	122	108	95	82
AZ	13, 23, 33	146	136	126	112	99	86
BX	31 and AS from last June	152	139	126	112	99	86

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Option	Combination of components	A *	Α	В	С	D	E
BY	32 and AS from last June	148	135	122	108	95	82
BZ	33 and AS from last June	152	139	126	112	99	86
CX	31 and AS from last Nov.	153	142	131	117	103	90
CY	32 and AS from last Nov.	149	138	127	113	99	86
CZ	33 and AS from last Nov.	153	142	131	117	103	90
SX	AS Level		67	62	55	49	43
SY	AS Level		67	62	55	49	43
SZ	AS Level		67	62	55	49	43

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