

CHEMISTRY

GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9701 (Chemistry) in the May/June 2012 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	40	24	21	13
Component 12	40	30	27	15
Component 13	40	24	21	13
Component 21	60	49	44	28
Component 22	60	44	36	18
Component 23	60	49	44	28
Component 31	40	30	27	17
Component 32	40	30	27	18
Component 33	40	24	21	10
Component 34	40	24	22	12
Component 35	40	25	21	13
Component 41	100	55	47	27
Component 42	100	60	50	25
Component 43	100	55	47	27
Component 51	30	18	15	9
Component 52	30	16	12	6
Component 53	30	18	15	9

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 **260** for A Level and **130** 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 EX AZ	11, 21, 31, 41, 51 11, 21, 32, 41, 51 13, 23, 35, 43, 53	183	161	139	118	97	77
AY EY	12, 22, 33, 42, 52 12, 22, 34, 42, 52	189	164	139	116	94	72
BX BZ	41, 51 and AS from last June 43, 53 and AS from last June	180	159	138	117	96	76
BY	42, 52 and AS from last June	186	162	138	115	93	71
CX CZ	41, 51 and AS from last Nov. 43, 53 and AS from last Nov.	184	161	138	121	104	88
CY	42, 52 and AS from last Nov.	190	164	138	119	101	83
S1 S2 S3 S4 S5	AS Level		90	78	65	53	41

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