

# THINKING SKILLS

## GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9694 (Thinking Skills) in the October/November 2011 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	30	20	17	11
Component 12	30	20	17	11
Component 13	30	20	17	11
Component 21	45	24	20	13
Component 22	45	26	23	16
Component 23	45	26	23	16
Component 31	50	28	24	12
Component 32	50	28	24	12
Component 33	50	28	24	12
Component 41	50	30	24	15
Component 42	50	30	24	15
Component 43	50	30	24	15

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*	A	B	C	D	E
AX	11, 21, 31, 41	<b>134</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>63</b>
AY	12, 22, 32, 42	<b>134</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>63</b>

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AZ	13, 23, 33, 43	134	117	100	87	75	63
BX	31, 41 and AS from last June	140	123	106	92	79	66
BY	32, 42 and AS from last June	140	123	106	92	79	66
BZ	33, 43 and AS from last June	140	123	106	92	79	66
CX	31, 41 and AS from last Nov.	139	121	103	90	77	65
CY	32, 42 and AS from last Nov.	139	121	103	90	77	65
CZ	33, 43 and AS from last Nov.	139	121	103	90	77	65
DX	11, 21, 31, 41	134	117	100	87	75	63
DY	12, 22, 32, 42	134	117	100	87	75	63
DZ	13, 13, 33, 43	134	117	100	87	75	63
SX SY SZ	AS Level		61	53	47	41	36

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