

# THINKING SKILLS

## GCE Advanced Level and GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9694 (Thinking Skills) in the May/June 2013 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	30	20	17	12
Component 12	30	22	19	13
Component 13	30	21	18	13
Component 21	45	27	25	14
Component 22	45	30	27	15
Component 23	45	28	25	16
Component 31	50	25	21	10
Component 32	50	24	20	10
Component 33	50	25	21	10
Component 41	50	29	24	16
Component 42	50	30	24	17
Component 43	50	29	24	16

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 **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>129</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>62</b>
AY	12, 22, 32, 42	<b>130</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>63</b>

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AZ	13, 23, 33, 43	129	114	99	86	74	62
BX	31, 41 and AS from last June	129	114	99	87	75	63
BY	32, 42 and AS from last June	130	114	98	86	75	64
BZ	33, 43 and AS from last June	129	114	99	87	75	63
CX	31, 41 and AS from last Nov.	128	111	94	82	70	58
CY	32, 42 and AS from last Nov.	129	111	93	81	70	59
CZ	33, 43 and AS from last Nov.	128	111	94	82	70	58
SX SY SZ	AS Level		62	55	48	42	36

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