

BIOLOGY

Pre-U Principal Course

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9790 (Biology) in the May/June 2011 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		Distinction	Merit	Pass
Component 1	40	25	17	13
Component 2	85	49	30	20
Component 3	100	60	36	24
Component 4	70	40	25	17

The Distinction, Merit and Pass thresholds are set by a combination of examiner judgement and statistical evidence at Component level, and the Syllabus thresholds for D3, M3 and P3 are derived from aggregation of the Component thresholds. The D1 threshold is set by examiner judgement at Syllabus level. The intermediate grades are set arithmetically. D2 is halfway between D1 and D3. M2 is set by taking one third of the difference between M3 and D3 and adding that to the M3 threshold. M1 is set the same interval above M2. P1 and P2 are set in the same way between M3 and P3.

Grade Thresholds are published for all Pre-U subjects where a corresponding mark scheme is available.