BIOLOGY (US)

International General Certificate of Secondary Education

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 0438 (Biology) (US) in the October/November 2012 examination.

| | maximum mark available | minimum mark required for grade: | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----|----|----|--|--|
| | | Α | С | Е | F | | |
| Component 11 | 40 | 36 | 27 | 20 | 18 | | |
| Component 21 | 80 | | 46 | 33 | 29 | | |
| Component 31 | 80 | 42 | 28 | 17 | 12 | | |

The threshold (minimum mark) for B is set halfway between those for Grades A and C. The threshold (minimum mark) for D is set halfway between those for Grades C and E. The threshold (minimum mark) for G is set as many marks below the F threshold as the E threshold is above it. 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.

The maximum total mark for this syllabus is 200.

The overall thresholds for the different grades were set as follows.

| Option | Combination of components | A * | Α | В | С | D | E | F | G |
|--------|---------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| DX | 11, 31, 84 | 160 | 141 | 122 | 103 | 86 | 69 | 57 | 45 |
| НХ | 11, 21, 84 | | | | 124 | 106 | 89 | 78 | 67 |

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

