

BIOLOGY

Cambridge International Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9700 (Biology) in the October/November 2013 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 11	40	30	25	18
Component 12	40	31	28	20
Component 13	40	30	25	16
Component 21	60	40	34	21
Component 22	60	41	35	21
Component 23	60	43	36	19
Component 31	40	30	27	19
Component 33	40	29	26	16
Component 34	40	24	22	14
Component 35	40	27	23	16
Component 36	40	30	27	20
Component 41	100	61	54	28
Component 42	100	61	54	28
Component 43	100	65	59	32
Component 51	30	20	18	11
Component 52	30	20	18	11
Component 53	30	24	21	12

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 **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 AY EY	11, 21, 31, 41, 51 12, 22, 33, 42, 52 12, 22, 34, 42, 52	189	171	153	132	112	92
AZ EZ	13, 23, 35, 43, 53 13, 23, 36, 43, 53	197	179	161	139	118	97
BX BY	41, 51 and AS from last June 42, 52 and AS from last June	178	161	144	123	102	81
BZ	43, 53 and AS from last June	186	169	152	130	108	86
CX CY	41, 51 and AS from last Nov. 42, 52 and AS from last Nov.	188	169	150	130	111	92
CZ	43, 53 and AS from last Nov.	196	177	158	137	117	97
S1 S3 S4 S5 S6	AS Level		92	82	72	62	53

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