PORTUGUESE (Foreign Language)

International General Certificate of Secondary Education

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 0540 (Portuguese (Foreign Language)) in the May/June 2010 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:			
		A	C	E	F
Component 2	65	49	32	22	17
Component 3	100	80	60	40	30
Component 4	50	35	19	11	7

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.

If candidates take the Continuous Writing paper, the maximum total mark for this syllabus is **283.**

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

A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
248	211	174	137	113	89	65	41

Candidates' grades are also calculated disregarding the Continuous Writing paper, and the higher grade is awarded where the two results differ, but the maximum grade obtainable when disregarding the Continuous Writing paper is Grade C. The maximum total under this route is **184**.

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

C	D	E	F	G
100	84	68	51	34

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