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Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9707 (Business Studies) in the October/November 2013 examination.

	maximum	minimum mark required for grade:			
	mark available	Α	В	E	
Component 11	40	29	26	18	
Component 12	40	29	26	18	
Component 13	40	29	26	18	
Component 21	60	42	39	28	
Component 22	60	42	39	28	
Component 23	60	42	39	28	
Component 31	100	61	57	33	
Component 32	100	56	52	32	
Component 33	100	62	56	36	

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 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 *	Α	В	С	D	E
AX	11, 21, 31	140	130	120	106	92	79
AY	12, 22, 32	135	125	115	102	90	78
AZ	13, 23, 33	139	129	119	106	94	82



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Option	Combination of components	A*	Α	В	С	D	&Cambrie
BX	31, 66	138	128	118	103	89	767
BY	32, 66	133	123	113	100	87	74
BZ	33, 66	137	127	117	104	91	78
CX	31, 67	144	134	124	109	95	81
CY	32, 67	139	129	119	106	93	80
CZ	33, 67	143	133	123	110	97	84
SX	11, 21		71	65	58	52	46
SY	12, 22		71	65	58	52	46
SZ	13, 23		71	65	58	52	46

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

