

GCE NEW SPECIFICATIONS

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UNIT WEIGHTINGS AND UNIFORM MARK SCALE

TWO UNIT AS AND FOUR UNIT A LEVEL

Two unit AS subjects will have 200 total marks available and **four unit A level** subjects 400 uniform marks. The table below illustrates the relationship between the uniform mark scale and each AS/A level grade for the unit. Since units will be weighted differently the table also shows how such units would be aggregated to achieve the final specification grade.

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY

Subject		Unit Weighting						
Grade	U.M.	30%	35%	40%	50%	60%	65%	70%
Max	200	60	70	80	100	120	130	140
A	160	48	56	64	80	96	104	112
B	140	42	49	56	70	84	91	98
C	120	36	42	48	60	72	78	84
D	100	30	35	40	50	60	65	70
E	80	24	28	32	40	48	52	56

GCE ADVANCED

Subject		Unit Weighting						
Grade	U.M.	15%	17.5%	20%	25%	30%	32.5%	35%
Max	400	60	70	80	100	120	130	140
A	320	48	56	64	80	96	104	112
B	280	42	49	56	70	84	91	98
C	240	36	42	48	60	72	78	84
D	200	30	35	40	50	60	65	70
E	160	24	28	32	40	48	52	56

THREE UNIT AS AND 6 UNIT A LEVELS

Three unit AS subjects will have 300 total marks available and **six unit A level** subjects 600 uniform marks. The table below illustrates the relationship between the uniform mark scale and each AS/A level grade for the unit. Since units will be weighted differently the table also shows how such units would be aggregated to achieve the final specification grade.

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY

Subject		Unit Weighting				
Grade	U.M.	20%	30%	33.3%	35%	40%
Max	300	60	90	100	105	120
A	240	48	72	80	84	96
B	210	42	63	70	74	84
C	180	36	54	60	63	72
D	150	30	45	50	53	60
E	120	24	36	40	42	48

GCE ADVANCED

Subject		Unit Weighting						
Grade	U.M.	10%	15%	16.7%	17.5%	18%	20%	22%
Max	600	60	90	100	105	108	120	132
A	480	48	72	80	84	86	96	106
B	420	42	63	70	74	76	84	92
C	360	36	54	60	63	65	72	80
D	300	30	45	50	53	54	60	66
E	240	24	36	40	42	43	48	53

APPLIED GCEs

The new Applied GCEs available from January 2009 consist of 2 units with a total of 200 marks for the Advanced Subsidiary Single award and 4 units for the Advanced Subsidiary Double award and Advanced Single award, both with a total of 400 marks. The weightings for these units are included in the two unit AS and four unit A level tables above.

The Advanced Double award will consist of 8 units with a total of 800 marks. The table below illustrates the relationship between the uniform mark scale and each A level grade for each unit. Since units will be weighted differently the table also shows how such units would be aggregated to achieve the final specification grade.

GCE ADVANCED DOUBLE AWARD

Subject		Unit weightings	
Grade	U.M.	10%	15%
Max	800	80	120
A	640	64	96
B	560	56	84
C	480	48	72
D	400	40	60
E	320	32	48

GRADE SCALES

NB. The GCE Advanced subsidiary qualification (Single award for Applied subjects) will be reported on a five grade scale; A, B, C, D and E. The level of demand of the AS examination is that expected of candidates half way through a full A level course.

The GCE Advanced Level qualification (Single award for Applied subjects) will be reported on a six-grade scale of A*, A, B, C, D and E. The award of A* at A level will provide recognition of the additional demands presented by the A2 units in terms of “stretch and challenge” and “synoptic requirements”.

The AS Double award qualification will be reported on a nine- grade scale AA, AB, BB, BC, CC, CD, DD, DE, EE.

The A level Double Award qualification will be reported on an eleven-grade scale; A*A*, A*A, AA, AB, BB, BC, CC, CD, DD, DE, EE.

Candidates who fail to reach the minimum standard for grade E are recorded as U (unclassified) and do not receive a certificate.