

# BUSINESS STUDIES

## International General Certificate of Secondary Education

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 0450 (Business Studies) in the May/June 2012 examination.

|              | maximum mark available | minimum mark required for grade: |    |    |    |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----|----|----|
|              |                        | A                                | C  | E  | F  |
| Component 11 | 100                    | 61                               | 42 | 27 | 20 |
| Component 12 | 100                    | 61                               | 42 | 27 | 20 |
| Component 13 | 100                    | 61                               | 42 | 27 | 20 |
| Component 21 | 100                    | 60                               | 41 | 30 | 21 |
| Component 22 | 100                    | 58                               | 39 | 27 | 19 |
| Component 23 | 100                    | 58                               | 39 | 27 | 19 |

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** (without coursework) or **250** (with coursework).

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

| Option | Combination of components | A*  | A   | B   | C   | D  | E  | F  | G  |
|--------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
| AX     | 11, 21                    | 139 | 120 | 101 | 83  | 70 | 57 | 41 | 25 |
| AY     | 12, 22                    | 137 | 118 | 99  | 81  | 67 | 54 | 39 | 24 |
| AZ     | 13, 23                    | 137 | 118 | 99  | 81  | 67 | 54 | 39 | 24 |
| BX     | 03, 11, 21                | 181 | 158 | 135 | 112 | 94 | 76 | 55 | 34 |
| BY     | 03, 12, 22                | 179 | 156 | 133 | 110 | 91 | 73 | 53 | 33 |
| BZ     | 03, 13, 23                | 179 | 156 | 133 | 110 | 91 | 73 | 53 | 33 |
| CX     | 11, 21, 83                | 181 | 158 | 135 | 112 | 94 | 76 | 55 | 34 |

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