

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 0453 (Development Studies) in the October/November 2013 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:			
		A	C	E	F
Component 1	80	57	45	35	32
Component 2	80	58	46	39	33

The threshold (minimum mark) for B is set halfway between those for Grades A and C. The threshold (minimum mark) for D is normally 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 **160**.

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

Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
01, 02	126	115	103	91	82	74	65	56

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