

# DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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## International General Certificate of Secondary Education

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 0453 (Development Studies) in the October/November 2011 examination.

|             | maximum mark available | minimum mark required for grade: |    |    |    |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----|----|----|
|             |                        | A                                | C  | E  | F  |
| Component 1 | 80                     | 55                               | 43 | 33 | 29 |
| Component 2 | 80                     | 55                               | 42 | 33 | 26 |

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                    | <b>121</b> | <b>109</b> | <b>97</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>75</b> | <b>66</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>44</b> |

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