Grade Boundaries

Edexcel GCSE

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Understanding our Edexcel GCSE grade boundaries

This document shows the grade boundaries for our Edexcel GCSE qualifications. For each set of grade boundaries, the maximum number of available marks is also shown.

For our Edexcel GCSE Mathematics A specification, the maximum mark and raw mark grade boundaries are shown for the overall qualification. This means that the grade boundaries are for the combined performance across the calculator and non-calculator papers.

For all other Edexcel GCSE subjects, the maximum mark and grade boundaries for individual units are shown for both the raw and uniform (UMS) mark scales. Maximum marks and grade boundaries for the overall qualification (the 'cash-in') are only shown in UMS marks.

For the Speaking and Listening Endorsement for our Edexcel GCSEs in English and English Language, the maximum mark and grade boundaries are shown in raw marks. The endorsement is awarded a stand-alone grade and does not contribute to the overall grade for the qualification.

Definition of terms

All of our Edexcel GCSEs have a 'raw' mark grade boundary. A raw mark is the actual mark awarded by the teacher or examiner for an assessment. Raw mark scores can be downloaded by Exams Officers from Edexcel Online.

Most subjects also have a UMS grade boundary. The Uniform Mark Scale (UMS) was traditionally used to take into account variations in the difficulty of assessments when calculating the overall grade for qualifications where components could be taken at different points throughout the course. This is no longer possible for GCSEs, but the Certifying Statement of Provisional Results (results slip) will always show a UMS mark where the subject traditionally used uniform marks.

You can find out more about marks at qualifications.pearson.com/raw-ums-marks

Application of Mathematics

Unit grade boundaries

			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5AM1F	Applications 1 (Foundation)	Raw	100				71	58	46	34	22	0
		UMS	200				120	100	80	60	40	0
5AM1H	Applications 1 (Higher)	Raw	100	85	70	51	33	16	7			0
		UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	90			0
5AM2F	Applications 2 (Foundation)	Raw	100				69	55	42	29	16	0
		UMS	200				120	100	80	60	40	0
5AM2H	Applications 2 (Higher)	Raw	100	86	72	53	34	17	8			0
		UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	90			0

Cash-in grade boundaries

			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2AM01	Application of Mathematics	UMS	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	0

English

Unit grade boundaries

			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5EH01	English Today	Raw	40	37	35	30	26	20	15	10	5	0
		UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	0
5EH2F	The Writer's Craft (Foundation)	Raw	96				78	62	46	31	16	0
		UMS	150				90	75	60	45	30	0
5EH2H	The Writer's Craft (Higher)	Raw	96	69	57	45	33	21	15			0
		UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	68			0
5EH3A	Creative English	Raw	48	41	39	37	35	26	17	9	1	0
		UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	0

Cash-in grade boundaries

			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2EH01	English	UMS	250	225	200	175	150	125	100	75	50	0

Endorsement

			Max Mark				5	4	3	2	1	U
5EH3B	Speaking and Listening	Raw	48				37	31	25	17	9	0

English (Northern Ireland)

Unit grade boundaries

			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5NH01	English Today	Raw	40	37	35	30	26	20	15	10	5	0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12	0
5NH2F	The Writer's Craft (Foundation)	Raw	96				78	62	46	31	16	0
		UMS	120				72	60	48	36	24	0
5NH2H	The Writer's Craft (Higher)	Raw	96	69	57	45	33	21	15			0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	54			0
5NH03	Creative English	Raw	96	84	76	68	60	46	32	18	4	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0

Cash-in grade boundaries

			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2NH01	English	UMS	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	0

English Language

Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5EH01	English Today	Raw	40	37	35	30	26	20	15	10	5	0
		UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	0
5EN2F	The Writer's Voice (Foundation)	Raw	64				47	34	21	8	1	0
		UMS	150				90	75	60	45	30	0
5EN2H	The Writer's Voice (Higher)	Raw	64	43	37	31	25	19	16			0
		UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	68			0
5EN3A	Spoken Language	Raw	48	46	44	39	34	28	22	17	12	0
		UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	0

Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2EN01	English Language	UMS	250	225	200	175	150	125	100	75	50	0

Endorsement			Max Mark				5	4	3	2	1	U
5EH3B	Speaking and Listening	Raw	48				37	31	25	17	9	0

English Language (Northern Ireland)

Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5NH01	English Today	Raw	40	37	35	30	26	20	15	10	5	0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12	0
5NN2F	The Writer's Voice (Foundation)	Raw	64				47	34	21	8	1	0
		UMS	120				72	60	48	36	24	0
5NN2H	The Writer's Voice (Higher)	Raw	64	43	37	31	25	19	16			0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	54			0
5NN03	Spoken Language	Raw	96	88	81	70	59	48	37	26	15	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0

Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2NN01	English Language	UMS	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	0

Mathematics A

Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
1MA0	Mathematics A (Foundation) Papers 1F and 2F	Raw	200				144	123	102	81	60	0
1MA0	Mathematics A (Higher) Papers 1H and 2H	Raw	200	167	135	98	62	31	15			0

Mathematics B

Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5MB1F	Unit 1: Statistics and Probability (Foundation)	Raw	60				52	43	34	25	16	0
		UMS	120				72	60	48	36	24	0
5MB1H	Unit 1: Statistics and Probability (Higher)	Raw	60	53	47	36	25	14	8			0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	54			0
5MB2F	Unit 2: Number, Algebra, Geometry 1 (Foundation)	Raw	60				53	44	35	27	19	0
		UMS	120				72	60	48	36	24	0
5MB2H	Unit 2: Number, Algebra, Geometry 1 (Higher)	Raw	60	52	45	35	26	17	12			0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	54			0
5MB3F	Unit 3: Number, Algebra, Geometry 2 (Foundation)	Raw	80				68	56	45	34	23	0
		UMS	160				96	80	64	48	32	0
5MB3H	Unit 3: Number, Algebra, Geometry 2 (Higher)	Raw	80	71	63	50	38	26	20			0
		UMS	160	144	128	112	96	80	72			0

Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2MB01	Mathematics B	UMS	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	0

Methods in Mathematics

Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5MM1F	Methods 1 (Foundation)	Raw	100				71	58	45	33	21	0
		UMS	200				120	100	80	60	40	0
5MM1H	Methods 1 (Higher)	Raw	100	85	70	51	33	16	7			0
		UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	90			0
5MM2F	Methods 2 (Foundation)	Raw	100				72	58	45	32	19	0
		UMS	200				120	100	80	60	40	0
5MM2H	Methods 2 (Higher)	Raw	100	85	71	51	31	15	7			0
		UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	90			0

Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2MM01	Methods In Mathematics	UMS	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	0