

# 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 raw and UMS marks at <http://qualifications.pearson.com/raw-ums-marks>

<b>Application of Mathematics</b>												
<b>Unit grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>a*</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>e</b>	<b>f</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>u</b>	
5AM1F	Applications 1 (Foundation)	Raw	100			70	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			70	56	43	30	17	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	
<b>Cash-in grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>	
2AM01	Application of Mathematics	UMS	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	0

<b>English</b>												
<b>Unit grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>a*</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>e</b>	<b>f</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>u</b>	
5EH01	English Today	Raw	40	37	34	29	25	20	15	10	5	0
		UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	0
5EH2F	The Writer's Craft (Foundation)	Raw	96			79	63	47	31	15	0	
		UMS	150			90	75	60	45	30	0	
5EH2H	The Writer's Craft (Higher)	Raw	96	68	57	46	35	24	18		0	
		UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	68		0	
5EH3A	Creative English	Raw	48	40	38	36	34	25	17	9	1	0
		UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	0
<b>Cash-in grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>	
2EH01	English	UMS	250	225	200	175	150	125	100	75	50	0
<b>Endorsement</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>				<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>	
5EH3B	Speaking and Listening	Raw	48			37	31	25	17	9	0	

<b>English (Northern Ireland)</b>												
<b>Unit grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>a*</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>e</b>	<b>f</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>u</b>	
5NH01	English Today	Raw	40	37	34	29	25	20	15	10	5	0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12	0
5NH2F	The Writer's Craft (Foundation)	Raw	96			79	63	47	31	15	0	
		UMS	120			72	60	48	36	24	0	
5NH2H	The Writer's Craft (Higher)	Raw										
		UMS										
5NH03	Creative English	Raw	96	79	75	71	67	50	34	18	2	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
<b>Cash-in grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>	
2NH01	English	UMS	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	0

<b>English Language</b>												
<b>Unit grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>a*</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>e</b>	<b>f</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>u</b>	
5EH01	English Today	Raw	40	37	34	29	25	20	15	10	5	0
		UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	0
5EN2F	The Writer's Voice (Foundation)	Raw	64			43	31	19	8	1	0	
		UMS	150			90	75	60	45	30	0	
5EN2H	The Writer's Voice (Higher)	Raw	64	41	34	27	20	13	9		0	
		UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	68		0	
5EN3A	Spoken Language	Raw	48	45	43	38	33	27	22	17	12	0
		UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	0
<b>Cash-in grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>	
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	34	29	25	20	15	10	5	0
		UMS 60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12	0
5NN2F	The Writer's Voice (Foundation)	Raw 64				43	31	19	8	1	0
		UMS 120				72	60	48	36	24	0
5NN2H	The Writer's Voice (Higher)	Raw									
		UMS									
5NN03	Spoken Language	Raw 96	87	80	73	66	52	39	26	13	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				148	125	102	79	56	0
1MA0	Mathematics A (Higher) Papers 1H and 2H	Raw 200	166	132	94	57	28	13			0

### Mathematics B (Modular)

Unit grade boundaries		Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5MB1F	Number and algebra/Shape, space and measures 2 (Foundation)	Raw 60				54	45	37	29	21	0
		UMS 120				72	60	48	36	24	0
5MB1H	Number and algebra/Shape, space and measures 2 (Higher)	Raw 60	53	47	37	28	19	14			0
		UMS 120	108	96	84	72	60	54			0
5MB2F	Number, Algebra, Geometry 1 (Foundation) (Non-calculator)	Raw 60				53	44	35	27	19	0
		UMS 120				72	60	48	36	24	0
5MB2H	Number, Algebra, Geometry 1 (Higher) (Non-calculator)	Raw 60	52	45	35	26	17	12			0
		UMS 120	108	96	84	72	60	54			0
5MB3F	Number, Algebra, Geometry 2 (Foundation)	Raw 80				67	55	43	31	19	0
		UMS 160				96	80	64	48	32	0
5MB3H	Number, Algebra, Geometry 2 (Higher)	Raw 80	70	61	48	35	22	15			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				74	60	46	33	20	0
		UMS 200				120	100	80	60	40	0
5MM1H	Methods 1 (Higher)	Raw 100	87	75	55	35	17	8			0
		UMS 200	180	160	140	120	100	90			0
5MM2F	Methods 2 (Foundation)	Raw 100				74	60	46	33	20	0
		UMS 200				120	100	80	60	40	0
5MM2H	Methods 2 (Higher)	Raw 100	86	73	51	30	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