



**Grade Boundaries**

**Edexcel GCSE (9-1)**

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## **Understanding our Edexcel GCSE (9-1) grade boundaries**

This document shows the grade boundaries for reformed Edexcel GCSE (9-1) qualifications. For each set of grade boundaries, the maximum number of available marks is also shown.

GCSE (9-1) qualifications are linear, and only the maximum mark and grade boundaries for the overall qualification are available in this document. These are given in raw marks.

### **Definition of terms**

A grade boundary is the minimum mark at which a numbered grade (between 9 and 1) can be achieved. For example, if the grade boundary for a Grade 6 is 70 marks, then 70 is the minimum mark at which a Grade 6 can be achieved. A mark of 69 would therefore be a Grade 5.

For linear qualifications, all assessments must be taken in the same exam session.

### **You can find out more about GCSE (9-1) here:**

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/results-certification/understanding-marks-and-grades.html>



<b>Design and Technology</b>														
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>				<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1DT0	Design and Technology Paper(s) 1D	Subject	100	59	52	46	40	34	28	20	12	5	0	
1DT0	Design and Technology Paper(s) 1E	Subject	100	58	51	44	38	32	27	20	13	6	0	
1DT0	Design and Technology Paper(s) 1F	Subject	100	56	49	42	35	28	22	16	10	5	0	

<b>Drama</b>														
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>				<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1DR0	Drama	Subject	96	69	64	59	51	44	37	27	17	8	0	

<b>English Literature</b>														
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>				<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1ET0	English Literature Paper(s) 01 2N	Subject	120	97	87	78	67	57	47	35	23	11	0	
1ET0	English Literature Paper(s) 01 2P	Subject	120	97	87	78	67	57	47	35	23	11	0	

<b>French</b>														
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>				<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1FR0	French (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject	180					108	86	64	42	20	0	
1FR0	French (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	132	113	95	80	66	52	45			0	

<b>Geography A</b>														
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>				<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1GA0	Geography A	Subject	236	174	158	142	122	103	84	60	37	14	0	

<b>Geography B</b>														
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>				<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1GB0	Geography B	Subject	236	173	155	138	117	96	76	54	33	12	0	

<b>German</b>														
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>				<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1GN0	German (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject	180					85	69	53	37	21	0	
1GN0	German (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	115	94	73	59	46	33	26			0	

<b>Greek</b>														
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>				<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1GK0	Greek (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	144	128	112	100	89	78	72			0	

<b>Gujarati</b>														
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>				<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1GU0	Gujarati Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	135	114	94	80	66	52	45			0	

<b>History A</b>														
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) B3 10 30	Subject	132	105	93	82	70	58	46	33	21	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) B1 11 30	Subject	132	108	96	84	71	59	47	34	21	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) B3 11 30	Subject	132	107	95	84	71	59	47	34	21	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) B1 10 31	Subject	132	105	93	81	69	58	47	34	21	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) B4 10 31	Subject	132	105	93	81	69	58	47	34	21	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) B1 11 31	Subject	132	107	95	83	71	59	48	35	22	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) B3 11 31	Subject	132	106	94	83	71	59	48	35	22	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) B4 11 31	Subject	132	107	95	83	71	59	48	35	22	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) B4 10 33	Subject	132	104	92	80	68	57	46	33	21	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) B4 11 33	Subject	132	106	94	82	70	58	47	34	21	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) P4 11 30	Subject	132	109	97	85	73	61	49	35	22	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) P4 10 31	Subject	132	106	94	82	71	60	49	35	22	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) P3 11 31	Subject	132	106	94	83	71	60	49	35	22	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) P4 11 31	Subject	132	108	96	84	72	61	50	36	22	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) P4 12 31	Subject	132	108	96	84	73	62	51	37	23	9	0	
1HIA	History A Paper(s) P4 10 33	Subject	132	105	93	81	70	59	48	35	22	9	0	

<b>History B</b>													
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1HIB	History B Paper(s) B3 P4 30	Subject	116	93	83	74	62	51	40	29	18	7	0
1HIB	History B Paper(s) B4 P4 30	Subject	116	94	84	74	62	51	40	29	18	7	0
1HIB	History B Paper(s) B1 P3 31	Subject	116	91	81	72	61	50	40	29	18	7	0
1HIB	History B Paper(s) B4 P3 31	Subject	116	91	81	72	61	50	40	29	18	7	0
1HIB	History B Paper(s) B4 P4 31	Subject	116	93	83	73	62	51	41	29	18	7	0
1HIB	History B Paper(s) B2 P4 33	Subject	116	92	82	73	62	51	40	29	18	7	0
1HIB	History B Paper(s) B4 P4 33	Subject	116	92	82	72	61	50	40	29	18	7	0

Italian												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1IN0	Italian (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	145	125	106	92	78	64	57		0

Japanese												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1JA0	Japanese (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	137	118	99	86	73	60	53		0

Music													
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	
1MU0	Music	Subject	80	49	42	35	29	23	18	14	10	6	0

Persian												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1PN0	Persian Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	135	114	94	80	66	52	45		0

Physical Education													
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	
1PE0	Physical Education	Subject	210	142	128	115	97	80	63	46	30	14	0

Physics												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1PH0	Physics (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 2F	Subject	200				110	85	60	35	10	0
1PH0	Physics (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 2H	Subject	200	149	128	108	85	62	39	27		0

Portuguese												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1PG0	Portuguese Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	135	114	94	80	66	52	45		0

Psychology													
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	
1PS0	Psychology	Subject	180	108	95	83	71	60	49	36	23	11	0

Religious Studies A													
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	
1RA0	Religious Studies A Paper(s) 1A 2F 3A	Subject	204	125	113	102	88	74	60	43	27	11	0

Religious Studies B													
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 1B 2C	Subject	204	132	121	111	96	82	68	50	32	15	0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 1B 2F	Subject	204	135	124	113	99	85	72	54	36	18	0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 1C 2B	Subject	204	140	129	118	103	88	74	55	36	17	0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 1D 2B	Subject	204	146	134	123	106	90	74	56	39	22	0
3RB0	Religious Studies B (Short Course) Paper(s) 1B 2C	Subject	102	62	56	50	42	34	27	20	13	6	0
3RB0	Religious Studies B (Short Course) Paper(s) 1C 2B	Subject	102	63	57	51	44	38	32	24	17	10	0
3RB0	Religious Studies B (Short Course) Paper(s) 1G 2B	Subject	102	62	56	50	43	36	30	22	15	8	0

<b>Russian</b>												
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1RU0	Russian (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject 180					81	65	49	34	19	0
1RU0	Russian (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject 180	137	114	92	78	64	51	44			0

<b>Spanish</b>												
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1SP0	Spanish (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject 180					106	84	62	41	20	0
1SP0	Spanish (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject 180	126	105	84	70	57	44	37			0

<b>Statistics</b>												
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1ST0	Statistics (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 2F	Subject 160					82	65	48	31	14	0
1ST0	Statistics (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 2H	Subject 160	108	89	70	54	38	23	15			0

<b>Turkish</b>												
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1TU0	Turkish Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject 180					93	77	61	45	30	0
1TU0	Turkish Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject 180	135	114	94	80	66	52	45			0

<b>Urdu</b>												
<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
1UR0	Urdu (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject 180					103	82	61	41	21	0
1UR0	Urdu (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject 180	154	142	130	107	84	62	51			0