

Grade Boundaries

GCSE

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Understanding GCSE grade boundaries

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

For modular GCSEs, maximum marks 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 linear GCSEs, only the overall maximum mark and grade boundaries are available. These are given in raw marks as UMS marks are not used in linear qualifications.

Definition of terms

A grade boundary is the minimum mark at which a letter grade can be achieved. For example, if the grade boundary for a B is 60 marks, then 60 is the minimum mark at which a B can be achieved. A mark of 59 would therefore be a C grade.

For modular qualifications, assessments can be taken in various exam sessions throughout the duration of the course.

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

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.

Raw marks are converted to UMS marks for all modular qualifications. This is because raw mark grade boundaries may change from exam session to exam session to take into account variations in the difficulty of assessments. A Certifying Statement of Provisional Results (results slip) will always show the UMS mark for modular qualifications.

You can find out more about raw and UMS marks at www.edexcel.com/results

Application of Mathematics												
Unit grade boundaries		Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u	
5AM1F	Applications 1 (Foundation)	Raw	100			75	62	49	36	23	0	
		UMS	200			120	100	80	60	40	0	
5AM1H	Applications 1 (Higher)	Raw	100	84	68	52	36	20	12		0	
		UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	90		0	
5AM2F	Applications 2 (Foundation)	Raw	100			77	64	51	38	25	0	
		UMS	200			120	100	80	60	40	0	
5AM2H	Applications 2 (Higher)	Raw	100	87	75	55	36	18	9		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	34	29	25	20	15	10	5	0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12	0
5EH2F	The Writer's Craft (Foundation)	Raw	96			79	64	49	34	19	0	
		UMS	83			72	60	48	36	24	0	
5EH2H	The Writer's Craft (Higher)	Raw	96	75	63	51	39	27	21		0	
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	54		0	
5EH03	Creative English	Raw	96	79	75	71	67	50	34	18	2	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	
2EH01	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	34	29	25	20	15	10	5	0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12	0
5EN2F	The Writer's Voice (Foundation)	Raw	64			46	33	20	8	1	0	
		UMS	83			72	60	48	36	24	0	
5EN2H	The Writer's Voice (Higher)	Raw	64	48	40	32	25	18	14		0	
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	54		0	
5EN03	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	
2EN01	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			151	125	99	73	47	0
1MA0	Mathematics A (Higher) Papers 1H and 2H	Raw	200	169	139	101	63	31	15		0

Mathematics B (Modular)												
Unit grade boundaries		Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u	
5MB1F	Statistics and Probability (Foundation)	Raw	60			50	41	32	24	16	0	
		UMS	120			72	60	48	36	24	0	
5MB1H	Statistics and Probability (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			52	44	37	30	23	0	
		UMS	120			72	60	48	36	24	0	
5MB2H	Number, Algebra, Geometry 1 (Higher) (Non-calculator)	Raw	60	54	49	39	30	21	16		0	
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	54		0	
5MB3F	Number, Algebra, Geometry 2 (Foundation)	Raw	80			71	57	44	31	18	0	
		UMS	160			96	80	64	48	32	0	
5MB3H	Number, Algebra, Geometry 2 (Higher)	Raw	80	70	60	49	38	27	21		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			77	62	48	34	20	0	
		UMS	200			120	100	80	60	40	0	
5MM1H	Methods 1 (Higher)	Raw	100	85	71	51	31	15	7		0	
		UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	90		0	
5MM2F	Methods 2 (Foundation)	Raw	100			78	64	50	36	22	0	
		UMS	200			120	100	80	60	40	0	
5MM2H	Methods 2 (Higher)	Raw	100	87	74	54	35	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	
2MM01	Methods In Mathematics	UMS	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	0