



Grade Boundaries

Edexcel GCSE (9-1)

November 2020

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>

Arabic													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1AA0	Arabic (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject	180					72	51	39	28	17	0
1AA0	Arabic (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	145	118	92	75	59	43	35			0

Art & Design: Fine Art													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1FA0	Art & Design: Fine Art	Subject	72	57	51	45	37	29	21	15	9	4	0

Art, Craft & Design													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1AD0	Art, Craft & Design	Subject	72	57	51	45	37	29	21	15	9	4	0

Astronomy													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1AS0	Astronomy	Subject	200	142	124	106	89	72	55	41	28	15	0

Biblical Hebrew													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1BH0	Biblical Hebrew	Subject	200	157	133	110	92	74	57	49	41	33	0

Biology													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1BI0	Biology (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 2F	Subject	200					97	69	49	29	10	0
1BI0	Biology (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 2H	Subject	200	152	132	113	89	65	41	29			0

Business													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1BS0	Business	Subject	180	130	118	107	92	77	63	45	27	9	0

Chemistry													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1CH0	Chemistry (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 2F	Subject	200					98	69	49	29	10	0
1CH0	Chemistry (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 2H	Subject	200	155	134	113	86	60	34	21			0

Chinese													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1CN0	Chinese (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	121	93	65	55	46	37	32			0

Chinese													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1CN0	Chinese (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject	180					66	54	43	32	22	0
1CN0	Chinese (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	121	93	65	55	46	37	32			0

Citizenship Studies													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1CS0	Citizenship Studies	Subject	160	121	108	96	80	65	50	35	21	7	0

Combined Science													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	99	98	88	87	77	76	66	65	55	54
1SC0	Combined Science (Foundation) Paper(s) 1BF 1CF 1PF 2BF 2CF 2PF	Subject	360									192	169
				44	43	33	32	22	21	11			U
		Subject		146	124	102	81	60	39	18			0

Overall grade boundaries													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	99	98	88	87	77	76	66	65	55	54
1SC0	Combined Science (Higher) Paper(s) 1BH 1CH 1PH 2BH 2CH 2PH	Subject	360	260	243	226	209	193	173	154	135	116	97
				44	43	33	32	22	21	11			U
		Subject		78	68								0

Computer Science													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1CP1	Computer Science	Subject	160	98	84	70	57	44	31	22	13	5	0

Design and Technology													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1DT0	Design and Technology Paper(s) 1B	Subject	100	55	50	45	37	30	23	17	11	5	0
1DT0	Design and Technology Paper(s) 1C	Subject	100	58	51	44	37	30	23	17	11	5	0
1DT0	Design and Technology Paper(s) 1D	Subject	100	59	52	46	38	31	24	17	11	5	0
1DT0	Design and Technology Paper(s) 1E	Subject	100	59	52	45	37	30	23	17	11	5	0
1DT0	Design and Technology Paper(s) 1F	Subject	100	58	51	44	36	28	21	15	10	5	0

Drama													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1DR0	Drama	Subject	96	69	64	59	51	43	35	26	17	8	0

English Literature													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1ET0	English Literature	Subject	160	129	117	106	91	77	63	45	27	9	0

French													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1FR0	French (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject	180					109	89	66	43	20	0
1FR0	French (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	133	115	98	83	68	53	45			0

Geography A													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1GA0	Geography A	Subject	256	192	175	158	135	113	91	65	40	15	0

Geography B													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1GB0	Geography B	Subject	256	191	172	154	130	107	84	60	36	13	0

German													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1GN0	German (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject	180					89	69	53	37	21	0
1GN0	German (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	117	97	77	62	47	33	26			0

Greek													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1GK0	Greek (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	150	132	115	102	90	78	72			0

Gujarati													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1GU0	Gujarati Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	141	120	99	83	67	51	43			0

History													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2A 30	Subject	168	139	124	109	92	76	60	43	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2K 30	Subject	168	135	120	106	89	72	56	40	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2M 30	Subject	168	128	114	100	84	69	54	39	24	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2R 30	Subject	168	139	124	109	92	75	59	42	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2H 31	Subject	168	129	115	102	86	70	54	39	24	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2J 31	Subject	168	129	115	102	86	70	54	39	24	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2L 31	Subject	168	131	117	103	86	70	54	39	24	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2M 31	Subject	168	126	112	99	83	68	53	38	24	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2N 31	Subject	168	137	122	108	91	74	57	41	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2Q 31	Subject	168	137	122	108	91	74	57	41	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2R 31	Subject	168	137	122	108	91	74	58	42	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2K 33	Subject	168	132	118	104	87	70	54	39	24	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2M 33	Subject	168	125	111	98	82	67	52	38	24	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2N 33	Subject	168	136	121	107	90	73	56	40	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2P 33	Subject	168	135	120	106	89	73	57	41	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2Q 33	Subject	168	136	121	107	90	73	56	40	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 10 2R 33	Subject	168	136	121	107	90	73	57	41	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2M 30	Subject	168	130	116	102	86	71	56	40	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2Q 30	Subject	168	141	126	111	94	77	60	43	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2R 30	Subject	168	141	126	111	94	77	61	44	27	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2W 30	Subject	168	138	123	109	93	77	61	44	27	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2E 31	Subject	168	133	119	105	88	72	56	40	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2J 31	Subject	168	131	117	104	88	72	56	40	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2K 31	Subject	168	135	121	107	90	73	57	41	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2L 31	Subject	168	133	119	105	88	72	56	40	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2M 31	Subject	168	128	114	101	85	70	55	40	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2N 31	Subject	168	139	124	110	93	76	59	42	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2P 31	Subject	168	138	123	109	92	76	60	43	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2Q 31	Subject	168	139	124	110	93	76	59	42	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2R 31	Subject	168	139	124	110	93	76	60	43	26	10	0

History (Continued)													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2U 31	Subject	168	136	122	108	92	76	61	44	27	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2W 31	Subject	168	136	122	108	92	76	60	43	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2J 33	Subject	168	130	116	103	87	71	55	40	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2M 33	Subject	168	127	113	100	84	69	54	39	24	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2N 33	Subject	168	138	123	109	92	75	58	42	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2Q 33	Subject	168	138	123	109	92	75	58	42	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 11 2R 33	Subject	168	138	123	109	92	75	59	42	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 12 2N 30	Subject	168	141	126	111	94	77	61	44	27	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 12 2P 30	Subject	168	140	125	110	94	78	62	44	27	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 12 2J 31	Subject	168	131	117	104	88	72	57	41	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 12 2N 31	Subject	168	139	124	110	93	76	60	43	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 12 2P 31	Subject	168	138	123	109	93	77	61	44	27	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 12 2Q 31	Subject	168	139	124	110	93	76	60	43	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 12 2R 31	Subject	168	139	124	110	93	77	61	44	27	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 12 2N 32	Subject	168	141	126	111	94	77	60	43	26	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 12 2A 33	Subject	168	138	123	109	93	77	61	44	27	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 12 2D 33	Subject	168	134	120	106	89	72	56	40	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 12 2J 33	Subject	168	130	116	103	87	71	56	40	25	10	0
1HI0	History Paper(s) 12 2N 33	Subject	168	138	123	109	92	75	59	42	26	10	0

Italian													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1IN0	Italian (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject	180					107	95	69	43	18	0
1IN0	Italian (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	156	132	109	93	77	62	54			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	143	122	102	87	73	59	52			0

Music													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1MU0	Music	Subject	80	50	43	36	29	23	17	13	9	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	140	119	99	83	67	51	43			0

Physical Education													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1PE0	Physical Education	Subject	210	146	133	121	102	83	65	49	33	18	0
3PE0	Physical Education (Short Course)	Subject	105	75	64	54	43	32	22	16	10	4	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						113	83	58	34	10	0
1PH0	Physics (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 2H	Subject	200	149	130	111	86	61	36	23				0

Portuguese														
Overall grade boundaries				Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1PG0	Portuguese Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject	180						93	77	61	45	30	0
1PG0	Portuguese Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	141	120	99	83	67	51	43				0

Psychology														
Overall grade boundaries				Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1PS0	Psychology	Subject	180	112	99	87	74	61	48	34	20	7		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 2C 3A	Subject	204	130	119	109	94	79	64	46	28	10		0
1RA0	Religious Studies A Paper(s) 1A 2F 3A	Subject	204	125	115	105	90	75	60	43	26	10		0
1RA0	Religious Studies A Paper(s) 1A 2F 4A	Subject	204	131	120	110	96	82	69	49	30	11		0
1RA0	Religious Studies A Paper(s) 1B 2F 4A	Subject	204	133	122	112	97	82	67	48	29	10		0
1RA0	Religious Studies A Paper(s) 1B 2G 3B	Subject	204	135	124	114	97	81	65	46	28	10		0
1RA0	Religious Studies A Paper(s) 1C 2B 4B	Subject	204	148	136	124	107	91	75	54	34	14		0
1RA0	Religious Studies A Paper(s) 1C 2F 3C	Subject	204	147	135	124	107	91	75	55	36	17		0
3RA0	Religious Studies A (Short Course) Paper(s) 01 04	Subject	102	64	57	50	42	34	26	19	13	7		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) 1A 2C	Subject	204	123	113	104	89	75	61	44	27	10		0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 1A 2F	Subject	204	126	116	106	92	78	65	47	29	12		0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 1B 2C	Subject	204	134	123	113	98	83	68	48	29	10		0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 1B 2D	Subject	204	138	127	116	99	82	66	47	28	10		0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 1B 2F	Subject	204	137	126	115	100	86	72	52	32	12		0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 1B 3C	Subject	204	137	126	115	98	81	65	46	28	10		0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 1B 3G	Subject	204	139	128	117	102	87	73	52	31	10		0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 1C 2B	Subject	204	142	131	120	104	89	74	53	32	11		0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 1E 2B	Subject	204	143	132	121	106	91	76	54	32	10		0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 2C 3B	Subject	204	137	126	116	101	86	71	50	30	10		0
1RB0	Religious Studies B Paper(s) 2D 3B	Subject	204	141	130	119	102	85	69	49	29	10		0
3RB0	Religious Studies B (Short Course) Paper(s) 1B 2C	Subject	102	63	57	51	43	35	27	20	13	6		0
3RB0	Religious Studies B (Short Course) Paper(s) 1B 2D	Subject	102	66	60	54	45	37	29	22	15	8		0
3RB0	Religious Studies B (Short Course) Paper(s) 1B 2F	Subject	102	67	61	55	47	39	31	23	15	8		0
3RB0	Religious Studies B (Short Course) Paper(s) 1C 2B	Subject	102	64	58	52	45	38	32	24	17	10		0
3RB0	Religious Studies B (Short Course) Paper(s) 1E 2B	Subject	102	61	55	49	41	33	26	20	14	8		0
3RB0	Religious Studies B (Short Course) Paper(s) 1G 2B	Subject	102	61	55	49	42	35	28	21	15	9		0

Russian													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1RU0	Russian (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject	180					114	65	47	30	13	0
1RU0	Russian (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	143	119	95	80	65	51	44			0

Spanish													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1SP0	Spanish (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject	180					106	87	64	42	20	0
1SP0	Spanish (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	129	107	86	72	59	46	39			0

Statistics													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1ST0	Statistics (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 2F	Subject	160					82	62	44	26	9	0
1ST0	Statistics (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 2H	Subject	160	114	95	76	57	39	21	12			0

Turkish													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1TU0	Turkish Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject	180					93	77	61	45	30	0
1TU0	Turkish Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	141	120	99	83	67	51	43			0

Urdu													
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1UR0	Urdu (Foundation) Paper(s) 1F 3F 4F	Subject	180					115	82	61	41	21	0
1UR0	Urdu (Higher) Paper(s) 1H 3H 4H	Subject	180	160	146	133	109	85	61	49			0