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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 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>

Applied Business												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5AB01	Investigating How Businesses Work	Raw	100	92	85	77	70	63	57	51	45	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
5AB02	Financial Records	Raw	60	55	51	47	43	39	36	33	30	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
5AB03	Investigating People, Business and Change	Raw	100	90	82	74	67	59	51	43	35	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
5AB04	Financial Planning and Forecasting	Raw	60	48	43	38	33	31	30	29	28	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
Cash-in grade boundaries (Single Award)			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2AB01	Applied Business	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0
Cash-in grade boundaries (Double Award)			Max Mark	A*A*	A*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD
2AB02	Applied Business	UMS	400	360	340	320	300	280	260	240	220	200
				DE	EE	EF	FF	FG	GG			
		UMS		180	160	140	120	100	80			0

Arabic												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5AR01	Listening and Understanding in Arabic	Raw	50	41	38	35	32	29	26	23	20	0
		UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	14	0
5AR02	Speaking in Arabic	Raw	50	45	41	35	29	27	25	24	23	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
5AR03	Reading and Understanding in Arabic	Raw	50	42	37	32	28	26	24	23	22	0
		UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	14	0
5AR04	Writing in Arabic	Raw	50	43	37	30	24	21	19	17	15	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2AR01	Arabic	UMS	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	0
3AR0S	Arabic (Short Course): Spoken Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0
3AR0W	Arabic (Short Course): Written Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0

Astronomy												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5AS01	Understanding the Universe	Raw	120	95	81	67	53	46	39	32	25	0
		UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0
5AS02	Exploring the Universe	Raw	40	35	30	24	18	15	13	11	9	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
2AS01	Astronomy	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0

Business												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5BS01	Introduction to Small Business	Raw	40	39	38	35	32	27	22	17	12	0
		UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	0
5BS02	Investigating Small Business	Raw	40	38	36	32	28	24	21	18	15	0
		UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	0
5BS03	Building a Business	Raw	90	72	63	54	46	39	32	26	20	0
		UMS	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	0
5BS04	Business Communications	Raw	90	64	57	50	43	36	30	24	18	0
		UMS	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	0
5BS05	Introduction to Economic Understanding	Raw	90	71	62	53	45	39	33	28	23	0
		UMS	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	0
5BS06	Introduction to Small Business	Raw	39	38	37	34	31	26	21	16	11	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
2BS01	Business Studies	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0
3BS01	Business Studies (Short Course)	UMS	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	0
2BC01	Business Communications	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0
2BE01	Business Studies and Economics	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0

Chinese												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5CN01	Listening and Understanding in Chinese (Foundation)	Raw	40				30	24	18	12	6	0
		UMS	41				36	30	24	18	12	0
5CN01	Listening and Understanding in Chinese (Higher)	Raw	40	31	30	29	28	27	26			0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	27			0
5CN02	Speaking in Chinese	Raw	60	53	46	37	28	24	20	16	12	0
		UMS	90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18	0
5CN03	Reading and Understanding in Chinese (Foundation)	Raw	40				29	23	17	11	5	0
		UMS	41				36	30	24	18	12	0
5CN03	Reading and Understanding in Chinese (Higher)	Raw	40	32	31	30	29	28	27			0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	27			0
5CN04	Writing in Chinese	Raw	60	45	43	41	39	31	24	17	10	0
		UMS	90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18	0
Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2CN01	Chinese	UMS	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	0
3CN0S	Chinese (Short Course): Spoken Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0
3CN0W	Chinese (Short Course): Written Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0

Design and Technology - Electronic Products												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5EP01	Creative Design and Make Activities	Raw	100	92	84	74	64	54	44	35	26	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
5EP02	Knowledge and Understanding of Electronic Products	Raw	80	62	55	48	42	37	33	29	25	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2EP01	D&T: Electronic Products	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0

Design and Technology - Graphic Products												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5GR01	Creative Design and Make Activities	Raw	100	92	84	74	64	54	44	35	26	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
5GR02	Knowledge and Understanding of Graphic Products	Raw	80	52	47	42	38	32	26	21	16	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2GR01	D&T: Graphic Products	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0

Design and Technology - Resistant Materials Technology												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5RM01	Creative Design and Make Activities	Raw	100	92	84	74	64	54	44	35	26	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
5RM02	Knowledge and Understanding of Resistant Materials Technology	Raw	80	57	49	41	33	26	20	14	8	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2RM01	D&T: Resistant Materials Technology	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0

Design and Technology - Textiles Technology												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5TT01	Creative Design and Make Activities	Raw	100	92	84	74	64	54	44	35	26	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
5TT02	Knowledge and Understanding of Textiles Technology	Raw	80	48	41	34	28	25	22	20	18	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2TT01	D&T: Textile Technology	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0

Engineering												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5EG01	Engineering Design and Graphical Communication	Raw	50	47	44	38	32	27	23	19	15	0
		UMS	90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18	0
5EG02	Engineered Products	Raw	50	48	46	41	36	32	28	25	22	0
		UMS	90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18	0
5EM03	Application of Technology in Engineering Fabrication	Raw	110	100	90	80	70	60	51	42	33	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
Cash-in grade boundaries (Double Award)			Max Mark	A*A*	A*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD
2EG02	Engineering (Double)	UMS	300	270	255	240	225	210	195	180	165	150
				DE	EE	EF	FF	FG	GG			U
		UMS		135	120	105	90	75	60			0

Greek												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5GK01	Listening and Understanding in Greek	Raw	50	43	39	35	32	26	21	16	11	0
		UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	14	0
5GK02	Speaking in Greek	Raw	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
5GK03	Reading and Understanding in Greek	Raw	50	45	41	36	32	27	22	17	12	0
		UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	14	0
5GK04	Writing in Greek	Raw	50	43	40	37	34	28	22	17	12	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2GK01	Greek	UMS	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	0
3GK0S	Greek (Short Course): Spoken Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0
3GK0W	Greek (Short Course): Written Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0

Health & Social Care												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5HS01	Understanding Personal Development and Relationships	Raw	70	50	47	44	41	37	33	29	25	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
5HS02	Exploring Health, Social Care and Early Years Provision	Raw	50	47	44	39	34	29	25	21	17	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
5HS03	Promoting Health and Wellbeing	Raw	50	46	43	37	31	27	23	20	17	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
5HS04	Health, Social Care and Early Years in Practice	Raw	70	52	47	42	38	33	29	25	21	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
Cash-in grade boundaries (Single Award)			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2HS01	Health & Social Care	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0
Cash-in grade boundaries (Double Award)			Max Mark	A*A*	A*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD
2HS02	Health & Social Care	UMS	400	360	340	320	300	280	260	240	220	200
				DE	EE	EF	FF	FG	GG			U
		UMS		180	160	140	120	100	80			0

Information and Communication Technology												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5IT01	Living in a Digital World	Raw	80	54	50	46	42	37	32	28	24	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
5IT02	Using Digital Tools (Animal Shelter)	Raw	80	71	62	52	42	37	32	28	24	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
5IT02	Using Digital Tools (Prom)	Raw	80	70	61	51	42	37	32	28	24	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
5IT03	Exploring Digital Design	Raw	80	63	54	45	36	29	23	17	11	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
5IT04	Creating Digital Products	Raw	80	72	64	55	47	40	33	27	21	0
		UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
Cash-in grade boundaries (Single Award)			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2IT01	Information and Communication Technology	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0
Cash-in grade boundaries (Double Award)			Max Mark	A*A*	A*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD
2IT02	Information and Communication Technology	UMS	400	360	340	320	300	280	260	240	220	200
				DE	EE	EF	FF	FG	GG			U
		UMS		180	160	140	120	100	80			0

Italian												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5IN01	Listening and understanding in Italian (Foundation)	Raw	40				33	26	20	14	8	0
		UMS	41				36	30	24	18	12	0
5IN01	Listening and understanding in Italian (Higher)	Raw	40	32	29	26	24	22	21			0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	27			0
5IN02	Speaking in Italian	Raw	60	51	46	41	36	31	26	22	18	0
		UMS	90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18	0
5IN03	Reading and understanding in Italian (Foundation)	Raw	40				29	24	19	15	11	0
		UMS	41				36	30	24	18	12	0
5IN03	Reading and understanding in Italian (Higher)	Raw	40	33	30	27	25	23	22			0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	27			0
5IN04	Writing in Italian	Raw	60	50	46	42	39	33	27	22	17	0
		UMS	90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18	0
Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2IN01	Italian	UMS	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	0
3IN0S	Italian (Short Course): Spoken Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0
3IN0W	Italian (Short Course): Written Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0

Japanese												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5JA01	Listening and Understanding in Japanese	Raw	50	44	38	32	27	24	21	19	17	0
		UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	14	0
5JA02	Speaking in Japanese	Raw	50	44	38	32	26	22	18	15	12	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
5JA03	Reading and Understanding in Japanese	Raw	50	43	38	33	29	24	20	16	12	0
		UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	14	0
5JA04	Writing in Japanese	Raw	50	41	36	31	26	22	18	15	12	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2JA01	Japanese	UMS	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	0
3JA0S	Japanese (Short Course): Spoken Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0
3JA0W	Japanese (Short Course): Written Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0

Leisure & Tourism												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5LT01	The Leisure and Tourism Industry	Raw	50	44	40	36	33	29	26	23	20	0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12	0
5LT02	Sales, Promotions and Operations in Leisure and Tourism	Raw	60	51	47	43	39	33	28	23	18	0
		UMS	90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18	0
5LT03	The Leisure and Tourism Environment	Raw	50	42	35	28	22	20	18	17	16	0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12	0
5LT04	Customers and Employment in Leisure and Tourism	Raw	60	51	47	43	39	33	28	23	18	0
		UMS	90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18	0
Cash-in grade boundaries (Single Award)			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2LT01	Leisure & Tourism	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0
Cash-in grade boundaries (Double Award)			Max Mark	A*A*	A*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD
2LT02	Leisure & Tourism	UMS	300	270	255	240	225	210	195	180	165	150
				DE	EE	EF	FF	FG	GG			U
		UMS		135	120	105	90	75	60			0

Manufacturing												
Cash-in grade boundaries (Double Award)			Max Mark	A*A*	A*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD
2MN02	Manufacturing	UMS	300	270	255	240	225	210	195	180	165	150
				DE	EE	EF	FF	FG	GG	U		
		UMS		135	120	105	90	75	60	0		

Psychology												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5PS01	Perception and Dreaming	Raw	60	53	46	39	33	29	25	21	17	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
5PS02	Social and Biological Psychological Debates	Raw	90	74	64	54	45	36	27	19	11	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
2PS01	Psychology	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0

Russian												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5RU01	Listening and Understanding in Russian	Raw	50	43	40	36	32	28	24	20	16	0
		UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	14	0
5RU02	Speaking in Russian	Raw	50	43	38	33	28	24	21	18	15	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
5RU03	Reading and Understanding in Russian	Raw	50	43	40	36	33	29	25	22	19	0
		UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	14	0
5RU04	Writing in Russian	Raw	50	43	38	33	28	25	22	19	16	0
		UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	0
Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2RU01	Russian	UMS	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	0
3RU0S	Russian (Short Course): Spoken Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0
3RU0W	Russian (Short Course): Written Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0

Statistics												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5ST1F	Written Paper (Foundation) (1F)	Raw	80				43	35	28	21	14	0
		UMS	104				90	75	60	45	30	0
5ST1H	Written Paper (Higher) (1H)	Raw	100	81	64	46	28	14	7			0
		UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	68			0
5ST02	Controlled assessment	Raw	40	32	28	24	21	18	15	12	9	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
2ST01	Statistics	UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0

Urdu												
Unit grade boundaries			Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	u
5UR01	Listening and understanding in Urdu (Foundation)	Raw	40				34	29	24	20	16	0
		UMS	41				36	30	24	18	12	0
5UR01	Listening and understanding in Urdu (Higher)	Raw	40	34	33	32	31	30	29			0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	27			0
5UR02	Speaking in Urdu	Raw	60	53	48	43	38	33	28	24	20	0
		UMS	90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18	0
5UR03	Reading and understanding in Urdu (Foundation)	Raw	40				33	29	25	21	17	0
		UMS	41				36	30	24	18	12	0
5UR03	Reading and understanding in Urdu (Higher)	Raw	40	33	32	31	30	29	28			0
		UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	27			0
5UR04	Writing in Urdu	Raw	60	51	48	45	42	37	32	28	24	0
		UMS	90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18	0
Cash-in grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
2UR01	Urdu	UMS	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	0
3UR0S	Urdu (Short Course): Spoken Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0
3UR0W	Urdu (Short Course): Written Language	UMS	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	0