

GCE Religious Studies Grading System



The AS qualification will be graded on a five point scale (A, B, C, D, E) and the A Level qualification will be graded on a six point scale (A*, A, B, C, D, E). Candidates who fail to reach the minimum standard for a grade E will be recorded as U (Ungraded) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

Grade A* is reported only for the overall A Level qualification and not for individual units.

For each unit, candidates' results are reported on a *uniform mark scale* (UMS), which is related to grades as shown in these tables.

In each unit, a candidate's uniform mark is calculated from his/her raw mark by using the grade boundaries set by the awarding committee. For example, a candidate who achieved the minimum raw mark required for grade B on RSS01 receives a uniform mark of 70.

A candidate's total uniform mark for the AS qualification is obtained by adding together the uniform marks for the two AS units. A candidate's total uniform mark for the A Level qualification is obtained by adding together the uniform marks for all units. If the candidate has re-taken a unit, the best uniform mark is used. If the candidate has taken more than the number of optional units required for certification, e.g. three AS units rather than the required two, the best uniform marks from all attempts at those units is used.

Grade A* is awarded to candidates who have gained at least 320 uniform marks on the A Level as a whole and a total of at least 180 uniform marks on the A2 units.

Units 1 & 2: RSS01-RSS11 (Candidates study any two units from the eleven available) (Maximum uniform mark=100)

Uniform mark range	Grade
80-100	A
70-79	B
60-69	C
50-59	D
40-49	E
0-39	U

Unit 3: RST3A-RST3H (Candidates study one unit from the eight available) (Maximum uniform mark=100)

Uniform mark range	Grade
80-100	A
70-79	B
60-69	C
50-59	D
40-49	E
0-39	U

Unit 4: RST4A, RST4B, RST4C (Candidates study one unit from the three available) (Maximum uniform mark=100)

Uniform mark range	Grade
80-100	A
70-79	B
60-69	C
50-59	D
40-49	E
0-39	U

AS qualification (Maximum uniform mark=200)

Uniform mark range	Grade
160-200	A
140-159	B
120-139	C
100-119	D
80-99	E
0-79	U

A Level qualification (Maximum uniform mark=400)

Uniform mark range	Grade
320-400	A
280-319	B
240-279	C
200-239	D
160-199	E
0-159	U