

GCE Psychology A – Revised Specification for first teaching September 2011 and
Examination 2012 onwards

- As part of the revisions made to the specification for first teaching in September 2011, the mark allocation for AO1 has been altered.
- The mark allocations for PSYA3 and PSYA4 (Sections A and B) will now be **8 AO1** marks and **16 AO2/3** marks, making the total for PSYA3 72 marks and the total for PSYA4 83 marks.
- The following is an example of the revised mark bands for AO1.

AO1 8 marks Knowledge and Understanding

<p>8-7 marks Sound Knowledge and understanding are accurate and well detailed. A good range of relevant material has been selected. There is substantial evidence of breadth and depth. Organisation and structure of the answer are coherent.</p>
<p>6-5 marks Reasonable Knowledge and understanding are generally accurate and reasonably detailed. A range of relevant material has been selected. There is evidence of breadth and/or depth. Organisation and structure of the answer are reasonably coherent.</p>
<p>4-3 marks Basic Knowledge and understanding are basic/relatively superficial. A restricted range of material has been presented. Organisation and structure of the answer are basic.</p>
<p>2-1 mark Rudimentary Knowledge and understanding are rudimentary and may be muddled and/or inaccurate. The material presented may be very brief or largely irrelevant. Lacks organisation and structure.</p>
<p>0 marks No creditworthy material.</p>