

GCE Psychology A 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 units, candidates' results are reported on a uniform mark scale (UMS), which is related to grades as shown in these tables.

Unit 1: PSYA1 (Maximum uniform mark=100)		Unit 2: PSYA2 (Maximum uniform mark=100)		Unit 3: PSYA3 (Maximum uniform mark=100)		Unit 4: PSYA4 (Maximum uniform mark=100)	
Uniform mark range	Grade	Uniform mark range	Grade	Uniform mark range	Grade	Uniform mark range	Grade
80-100	A	80-100	A	80-100	A	80-100	A
70-79	B	70-79	B	70-79	B	70-79	B
60-69	C	60-69	C	60-69	C	60-69	C
50-59	D	50-59	D	50-59	D	50-59	D
40-49	E	40-49	E	40-49	E	40-49	E
0-39	U	0-39	U	0-39	U	0-39	U

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 PSYA2 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.

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.

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