## SPANISH LANGUAGE

## GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 8685 (Spanish Language) in the October/November 2011 examination.

|  | maximum <br> mark <br> available | minimum mark required for grade: |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | B | E |  |
| Component 1 |  | 68 | 60 | 39 |
| Component 21 | 70 | 43 | 36 | 17 |
| Component 22 | 70 | 47 | 40 | 19 |
| Component 23 | 70 | 46 | 39 | 18 |
| Component 31 | 40 | 28 | 24 | 14 |
| Component 32 | 40 | 28 | 24 | 14 |
| Component 33 | 40 | 28 | 24 | 14 |

The thresholds (minimum marks) for Grades $C$ and $D$ are normally set by dividing the mark range between the $B$ and the $E$ thresholds into three. For example, if the difference between the $B$ and the $E$ threshold is 24 marks, the $C$ threshold is set 8 marks below the $B$ threshold and the $D$ threshold is set another 8 marks down. If dividing the interval by three results in a fraction of a mark, then the threshold is normally rounded down.

The thresholds for the syllabus are determined first by adding together the thresholds for the components taken by the candidate. A reduction may be made at the higher grades depending on the correlation of the papers. If the maximum raw marks for the components are not in the weighting/relationship specified in the syllabus, a weighting is applied to arrive at the overall thresholds.

The maximum total mark for this syllabus is 140.
For this syllabus in this series the grade thresholds were as follows:

| Option | Combination of components | a | b | c | d | e |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| X | $01,21,31$ | 89 | 77 | 65 | 54 | 43 |
| Y | $01,22,32$ | 93 | 81 | 69 | 57 | 45 |
| Z | $01,23,33$ | 92 | 80 | 68 | 56 | 44 |

Grade Thresholds are published for all GCE A/AS and IGCSE subjects where a corresponding mark scheme is available.

