

A guide to percentage uniform marks

The information in this factsheet is intended as a guide for schools in countries where percentage uniform marks appear on statements of results for Cambridge IGCSE®, Cambridge O Level and Cambridge International AS & A Level.

The percentage uniform mark is provided in addition to the grade for a syllabus. The percentage uniform mark is not the total mark achieved for the syllabus. It is a point on a common scale for all syllabuses to show whether the candidate's performance is close to the top, middle or bottom of the grade.

For example, a student who gets the minimum mark necessary for a Grade A* obtains a percentage uniform mark of 90. A student who gets a mark halfway between the Grade D threshold and Grade C threshold achieves a percentage uniform mark of 55.

We do not provide a percentage uniform mark when the candidate's result is *Ungraded, No Result, Pending or To Be Issued*. The table below shows the percentage uniform mark range for each grade:

Grade	Percentage uniform mark range
A*	90–100
A	80–89 [†]
B	70–79
C	60–69
D	50–59
E	40–49
F (Cambridge IGCSE only)	30–39
G (Cambridge IGCSE only)	20–29

[†]In the case of the Cambridge International AS Level qualification, where there is no Grade 'a*', the percentage uniform mark range for Grade 'a' is 80–100.'

The percentage uniform mark is stated at syllabus level only. The percentage uniform mark is not the same as the actual total mark that the candidate achieves on the syllabus. This is because the percentage uniform mark depends on both the actual total mark for the syllabus and the position of the grade thresholds (which may vary from one exam series to another and from one syllabus to another). The percentage uniform mark is also different from the actual mark because it is always calculated out of 100.

The key messages for students are:

- the percentage uniform mark shows you whether you are in the middle of a grade, or near either the top or the bottom
- it does not affect the grade you receive, but gives you more information about it
- it will appear on your statement of results but not on your certificate.



Frequently asked questions

Are percentage uniform marks the same as the Uniform Mark Scale (UMS) used by UK exam boards?

Our percentage uniform mark scale uses the same approach as UMS. However the UMS is not always shown as marks out of 100, whereas our percentage uniform marks are always out of 100.

Do percentage uniform marks appear on Cambridge certificates?

No. They are published on the statement of results to supplement the grade issued at syllabus level.



Sample statement of results

The illustration below shows how percentage uniform marks are reported on the statement of results, where applicable. The percentage uniform mark will appear on statements of results only, not on certificates.

Statement of Results				
GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY LEVEL AND ADVANCED LEVEL				
Candidate Name A SPECIMEN		Date of Birth XX \ XX \ XXXX	Centre / Cand. No. XXXXX / XXX	
Centre Name CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL SAMPLE CENTRE		Series November XXXX	To be quoted on all correspondence	
GCE AS & A Level				
Syllabus	Syllabus Title	Qualification	Result	Percentage Uniform Mark
9691	Computing	Advanced Level	A(a)	82 %
9701	Chemistry		NO RESULT	
9702	Physics		NO RESULT	
9709	Mathematics	Advanced Level	C(c)	66 %

Explanatory Notes

This is a General Certificate of Education (GCE) statement of results for Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS Level) and Advanced Level (A Level). Cambridge International Examinations reserves the right to amend the information on this statement. Results will be confirmed by the issue of certificates.

GCE AS Level results are reported on a 5-point scale of grades: a(a), b(b), c(c), d(d) or e(e), grade a(a) being the highest and grade e(e) the lowest. The content and difficulty of a GCE AS Level examination is equivalent to the first half of a corresponding GCE A Level.

GCE A Level results are reported on a 6-point scale of grades: A*(a*), A(a), B(b), C(c), D(d) or E(e), grade A*(a*) being the highest and grade E(e) the lowest. Under some circumstances where a candidate has entered for a GCE A Level but does not achieve a grade E(e) or above, a GCE AS Level grade a(a) to e(e) may be awarded in the syllabus.

The text Advanced Subsidiary or Advanced Level preceding the result indicates the level at which the result was awarded for the syllabus.

The assessment of a language syllabus Speaking component is shown as 'With Distinction in Speaking', 'With Merit in Speaking' or 'With Pass in Speaking'. Candidates who are UNGRADED in the Speaking component will have no record of their speaking performance printed on their statement of results or certificate.

UNGRADED indicates a standard below that required for grade e(e) for GCE AS Level and grade E(e) for GCE A Level.

NO RESULT indicates that a result cannot be issued because of absence for the whole or part of the examination in the syllabus or because of a decision not to issue a result for some other reason.

PENDING indicates that a result cannot be issued at present but will follow in due course.

The Percentage Uniform Mark for GCE AS Level and GCE A Level is provided in addition to the grade for a syllabus. The Percentage Uniform Mark is not the total mark achieved for the syllabus. It is a common scale for all syllabuses to show whether the candidate's performance is close to the top, bottom or middle of the grade. We do not provide a Percentage Uniform Mark where the candidate's result is Ungraded, No Result or Pending.

Only syllabuses in which GCE AS Level grades a(a) to e(e) and GCE A Level grades A*(a*) to E(e) are achieved will be reported on certificates.

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