GCSE (9-1) qualification and notional component raw mark grade boundaries November 2023 series

GCSEs are 'linear qualifications'. This means all the assessment takes place at the end of the course. Linear qualifications are made up of a number of separate exams or non-exam assessment (coursework) called 'components'.

The mark students get on each exam paper or non-exam assessment will be the 'component mark'. There isn't a grade for each component – just a mark. This is sometimes called a 'raw mark'.

In most cases, we just add the component raw marks together to get the 'total mark'. For a few qualifications, some components are worth more than the others so we have to work this out first.

Each component contributes a certain percentage to the total qualification mark. In most cases, this contribution is equal – but not always. We use 'weighting factors' to make sure each component contributes the right amount towards the total mark. We get the total mark by multiplying the raw marks by the weighting factor and then adding these marks together.

We then check the total mark against the qualification grade boundaries to get the qualification grade. The qualification grade is the final result and what will appear on the certificate.

We know it's useful to see how students did in each component so we also publish component grade boundaries. These show what the grade would be if we gave out grades for components. 'Grades' at component level don't automatically add up to the same grade at qualification level.

For more information about results and grade calculations, see www.ocr.org.uk/students/getting-your-results/

GCSE English Language

			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	u
J351	01 Communicating information and ideas	Raw	80	64	58	53	46	40	34	25	16	7	0
J351	02 Exploring effects and impact	Raw	80	65	59	54	47	41	35	25	16	7	0
J351	03 Spoken language (OCR Repository)	Raw	This component does not count towards overall mark										
J351	04 Spoken language (Postal Moderation)	Raw	This component does not count towards overall mark										
J351		Overall	160	129	118	107	94	81	69	50	32	14	0

GCSE Mathematics

			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	u
J560 F	01 Paper 1 (Foundation Tier)	Raw	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	54	39	28	17	5	0
J560 F	02 Paper 2 (Foundation Tier)	Raw	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	56	41	29	18	7	0
J560 F	03 Paper 3 (Foundation Tier)	Raw	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	55	40	29	18	8	0
J560 H	04 Paper 4 (Higher Tier)	Raw	100	79	66	52	40	28	17	12	n/a	n/a	0
J560 H	05 Paper 5 (Higher Tier)	Raw	100	83	67	52	41	30	19	13	n/a	n/a	0
J560 H	06 Paper 6 (Higher Tier)	Raw	100	82	66	50	39	29	18	12	n/a	n/a	0
J560 F	*Foundation Tier: 01+02+03*	Overall	300	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	165	120	86	53	20	0
J560 H	*Higher Tier: 04+05+06*	Overall	300	244	199	154	120	87	54	37	n/a	n/a	0