

# GCE Physics 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.

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 a grade B on PHYA1 receives a uniform mark of 84.

A candidate's total uniform mark for the AS qualification is obtained by adding together the uniform marks for the three AS units. A candidate's total uniform mark for the A Level qualification is obtained by adding together the uniform marks for all six units. If the candidate has re-taken a unit, the best uniform mark is used. If the candidate has taken more than one of the optional units, e.g. PHA5A and PHA5D, the best uniform mark from all those attempted at those units is used.

Grade A\* is awarded to candidates who have gained at least 480 uniform marks on the A Level as a whole and a total of at least 270 uniform marks on the A2 units.

## Unit 1: PHYA1 (Maximum uniform mark=120) *Unit weighted at 40% AS or 20% A Level*

Uniform mark range	Grade
96-120	A
84-95	B
72-83	C
60-71	D
48-59	E
0-47	U

## Unit 2: PHYA2 (Maximum uniform mark=120) *Unit weighted at 40% AS or 20% A Level*

Uniform mark range	Grade
96-120	A
84-95	B
72-83	C
60-71	D
48-59	E
0-47	U

## Unit 3: PHYA3 (Maximum uniform mark=60) *Unit weighted at 20% AS or 10% A Level*

Uniform mark range	Grade
48-60	A
42-47	B
36-41	C
30-35	D
24-29	E
0-23	U

## AS qualification (Maximum uniform mark=300)

Uniform mark range	Grade
240-300	A
210-239	B
180-209	C
150-179	D
120-149	E
0-119	U

## Unit 4: PHYA4 (Maximum uniform mark=120) *Unit weighted at 20% A Level*

Uniform mark range	Grade
96-120	A
84-95	B
72-83	C
60-71	D
48-59	E
0-47	U

## Unit 5: One of PHA5A, PHA5B, PHA5C, PHA5D, (Maximum uniform mark=120) *Unit weighted at 20% A Level*

Uniform mark range	Grade
96-120	A
84-95	B
72-83	C
60-71	D
48-59	E
0-47	U

## Unit 6: PHYA6 (Maximum uniform mark=60) *Unit weighted at 10% A Level*

Uniform mark range	Grade
48-60	A
42-47	B
36-41	C
30-35	D
24-29	E
0-23	U

## A Level qualification (Maximum uniform mark=600)

Uniform mark range	Grade
480-600	A
420-479	B
360-419	C
300-359	D
240-299	E
0-239	U