

## November 2025 series: GCSE (9-1) qualification and notional component raw mark grade boundaries

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/](http://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	68	62	56	50	44	38	29	21	13	0
J351	02 Exploring effects and impact	Raw	80	65	59	53	47	41	36	28	20	12	0
J351	03 Spoken language (Cambridge 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	133	121	109	97	85	74	57	41	25	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	68	50	37	23	9	0
J560 F	02 Paper 2 (Foundation Tier)	Raw	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	59	44	31	19	7	0
J560 F	03 Paper 3 (Foundation Tier)	Raw	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	61	46	33	21	9	0
J560 H	04 Paper 4 (Higher Tier)	Raw	100	86	71	56	43	30	17	10	n/a	n/a	0
J560 H	05 Paper 5 (Higher Tier)	Raw	100	83	68	53	41	29	18	12	n/a	n/a	0
J560 H	06 Paper 6 (Higher Tier)	Raw	100	89	73	57	45	34	22	17	n/a	n/a	0
J560 F	Foundation Tier: 01+02+03	Overall	300	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	188	140	101	63	25	0
J560 H	Higher Tier: 04+05+06	Overall	300	258	212	166	129	93	57	39	n/a	n/a	0